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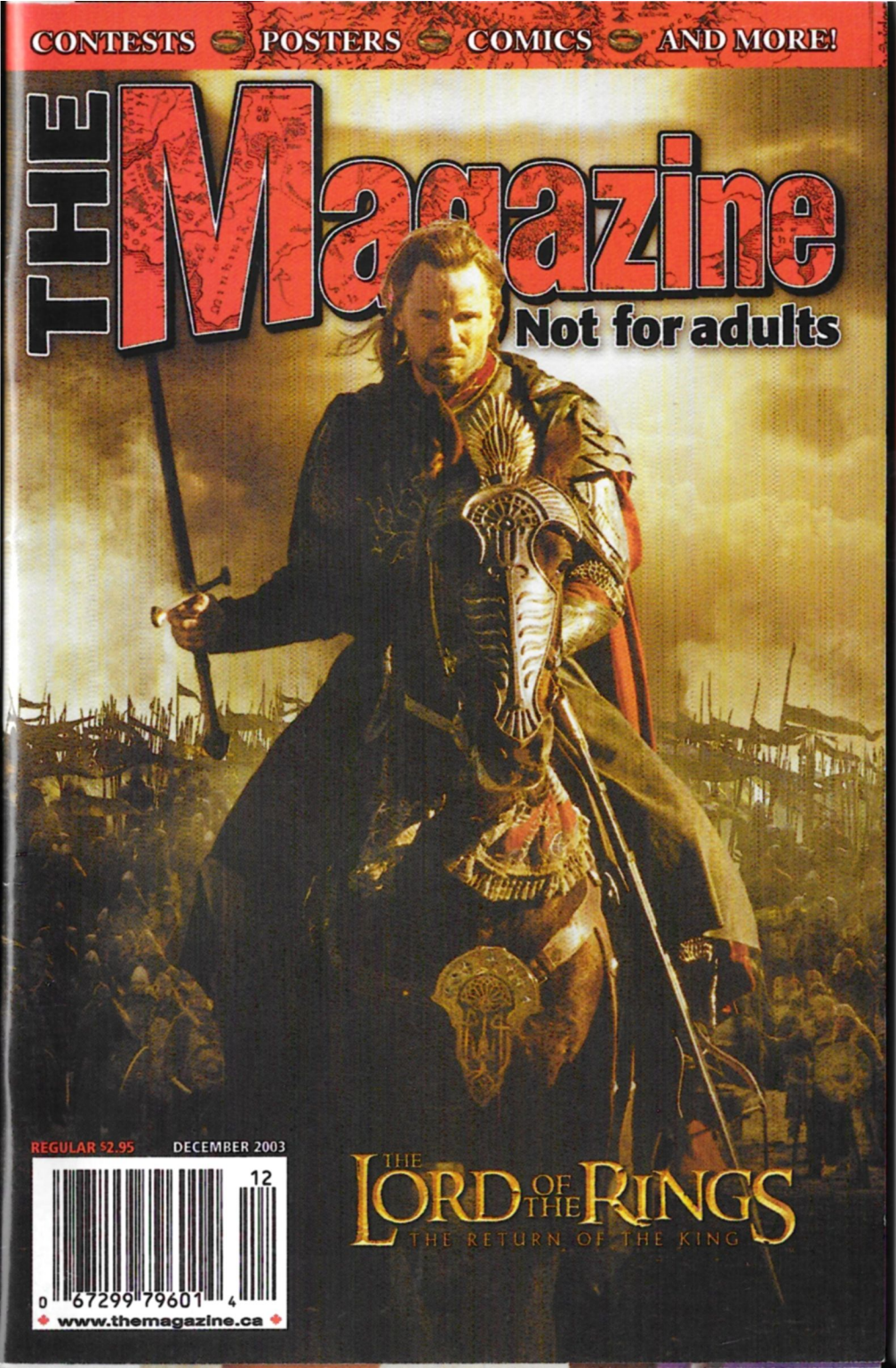

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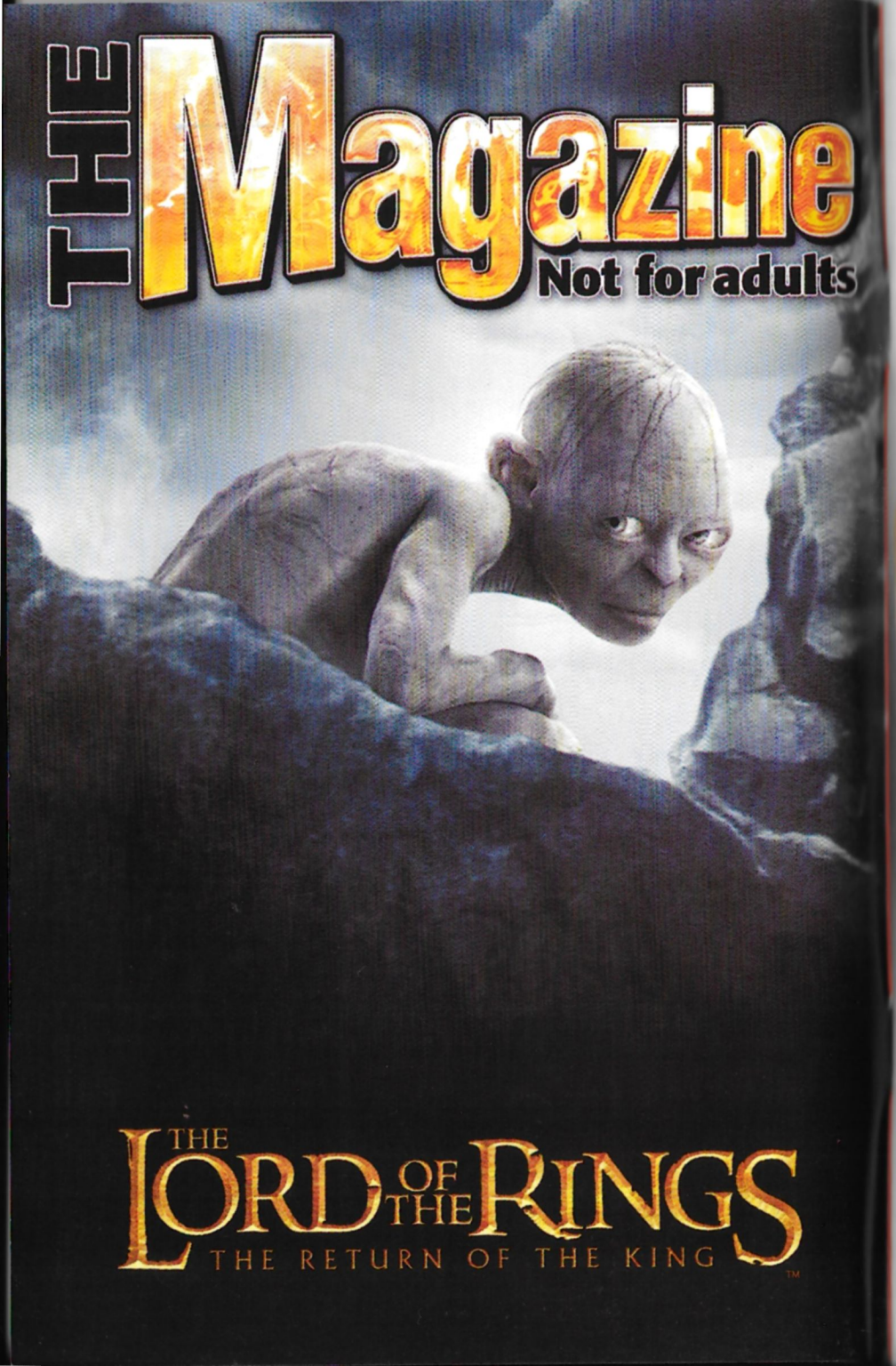
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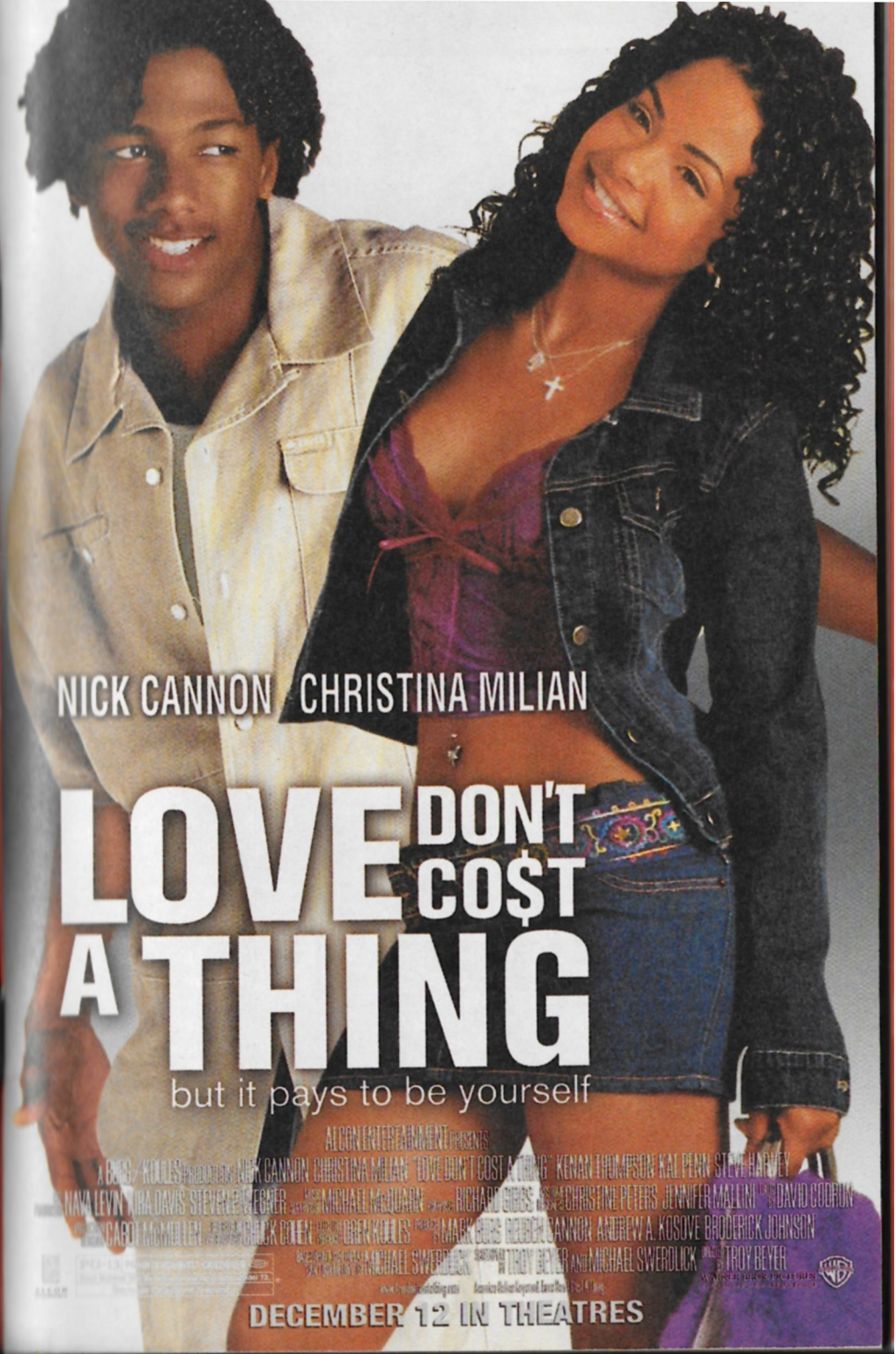
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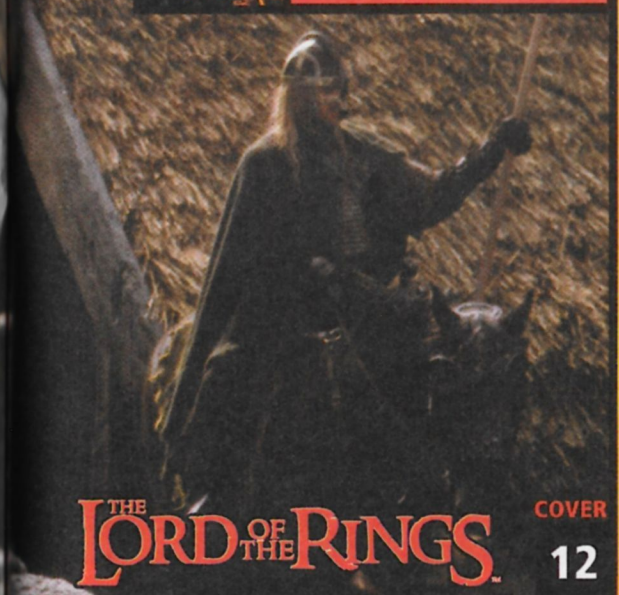

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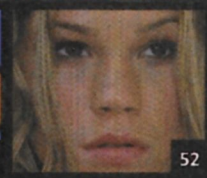
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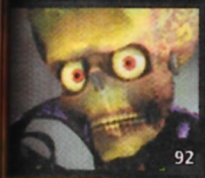
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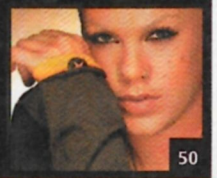
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READER OF THE ISSUE
GEORGIA ALEXANDRA HOUSE, age 12

I love The Magazine NFA! It has a section for everyone! I love Emily Strange because she isn't afraid to be herself ya'll! I have a tee of her and I just love to wear it. I agree with Sean (last reader of the issue), reading is really important and The Mag just makes that importance easier to cope with! It's fun to read The Magazine! I love to read PHONE TAG and VOCALS! It's just something that helps kids/teens express their feeling towards issues that don't always have to do with The Mag! I love to draw animation! The Mag's section called DRAWRINGS has inspired me to work hard enough on one picture, so that I may win 1st place. I have been reading The Magazine for some time now, and over the months this magazine has improved and helped me. My opinion may not be important to you, but all I know is that this magazine is important to me.

P.S: I wrote a poem towards The Magazine Not for adults, and here it is:
Hilary interview, SCREAMGAL, and more, The Magazine Not for adults is hard to ignore. With pictures, DOOM-SNIGHT, CATCHY-22, PHONE TAG, this mag has its stuff all in the bag. So remember it's monthly, it's awesome, it's cool, and sometimes you can sneak it into school.

NFA SAYS: **Thanks for the great poem Georgia! If you'd like to be the next READER OF THE ISSUE, send us a note along with your favourite photo of yourself!**

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ANTI-CLAY OUTRAGE

I just want to say that I agree 100% with Missa about Clay Aiken. But what I think is even scarier than him is his rabid fans, who get hysterical if you say bad things about him. Not even Avril defenders are that crazy! So chill! Everyone is entitled to an opinion, and some of us think Clay is scary. Boo! **Sharon, AB**

PRO-CLAY OUTRAGE

I was outraged when I received my October issue of The Magazine and read the article MISSA'S TOP 10 SCARIEST ARTISTS and found Clay Aiken at number 1. How could you put something like that in The Magazine? As a loyal reader I would have expected better from you! So what if he coloured his hair? It's like saying girls who put highlights in their hair are scary too. I was very upset. Please, if you are going to call someone 'Scary' then give a good reason other then making changes to their image. Thanks. **Robyn**

NFA SAYS: **Missa's list was her own opinion, and did not reflect the opinion of The Mag and its staff. However we are glad it generated so much feedback!**

AM I THE ONLY ONE?

I just wanted to say that I'm the only one I know that likes the Ataris! Everyone hears one of their songs and stereotypes it RIGHT away, and that bothers me! If people got to know their music or bought their new CD, SO LONG, ASTORIA, they might actually like it! One more thing, a couple issues back a person said, "Your name, The Magazine Not for adults, is offending to adults." Lay back, it's only a name, it's a good title and you guys should keep it! Also, SPONGEBOB ROCKS! **Meghann, BC.**

WHY NO POTTER THIS YEAR?

I think you should put more Harry Potter inside. Even without it the NFA is great! And to the person who got the bookmark as a prize and complained, I just wanna tell you that you got told! You should just accept what you got. I want to ask: Why isn't there going to be a Harry Potter movie coming out in November? That STINKS! I also just wanted to say I have a band called CHRONICLE MIND and I am the bass player. Keep up the good work! **Aiden**

NFA SAYS: **The 3rd HARRY POTTER film was pushed back several months so the cast could spend more time at school. It will be released on June 4th, 2004.**

COPY CATS

Hi, in the October issue two girls said that Pepsi copied Coke, well it's not all true. Coke copied Pepsi because MelloYellow was made after Mountain Dew. That's how marketing works: one company copies another, like the Swifer mop. Anyway, I love your magazine but could you please interview Linkin Park? Thanx, bye. **Jenny**

MINI COOPER MANIA!

I just wanted to say that I love MINI COOPERS. In case you don't know what a MINI is, it's the car that's in the third Austin Powers movie GOLDMEMBER. They rock! Mine is red and has a Union Jack (combination of the flag of Ireland, Scotland and England) on the normally white roof. Oddly enough, it was sort of inspired by the car in the movie. If you have a strange love of MINIs like I do, then I suggest renting THE ITALIAN JOB. It's jam-packed with lots of action including

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rad footage of MINIs. Personally, I went for the cars. You however may go for Charlize Theron or Edward Norton, but it depends on your taste. It's my new favourite movie of all time. (except for FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF of course) **Lauren**

NFA SAYS: **We love MINIs too. We recommend the original THE ITALIAN JOB (1968) for pure MINI eye candy!**

HILL OF BEANS

Firstly, Good Charlotte rocks and Hilary Duff sucks. She's ruining your magazine! Stop publishing her! She has no real emotions. The thing that bugs me the most is how she's always happy! She's never been truly angry! To all you people out there who think Good Charlotte sucks- you have never even listened to their music! You don't know about their songs, "Hey Dad", and, "I Heard You". Yes, I do hate the way MTV worships them, I hate MTV altogether. Well anyways, SCREAMGAL needs to do something on the Phillip Experiment. Sorry if I sound a little harsh but I'm just a tad irritated. That's all for now folks! Keep up with the Sponginess! **Julia (also known on the NFA message board as the incredible IMA crazy)**

NFA SAYS: **Turn to page 92 for the Phillip Experiment!**

GREATEST TV SHOW, EVER.

I think The Simpsons is the greatest television show ever. I have been watching The Simpsons ever since I can remember. You should really put a lot more of the Simpsons in The Mag. You do put in a lot but I think it could use more. You should talk about upcoming episodes and what happened in past episodes. I really loved the January issue that had the "300 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE SIMPSONS," it was awesome. You should include Simpsons' games in the GAME ON section. I have been getting The Mag for 1 year now and I think it is great.

NFA SAYS: **Next month's issue should be of interest to all SIMPSONS fans!**

THINKIN ABOUT LINKIN

I was just wondering if you guys could interview Linkin Park? They are my favourite band! They rock! I was also wondering if you could do an article on ADD because my friend is, errr, un-informed and he thinks that ADD is completely different than it really is. He thinks that I don't have ADD because he thought I would be insane or something. I was also wondering how old do you have to be to work for The Mag and how do you apply for a job there? I think it would be awesome to work for The Mag. By the way guys, I just wanted to let you know that you are doing a very good job with this magazine, you couldn't do better. I've been a subscriber to this magazine for 3 years (I think) and I haven't seen a bad magazine yet (and I don't think I will). Well, I've probably wasted enough of your time. Well, this is where I say farewell. Bye guys! **Greg**

LEAFS VS. RAPTORS

I think The Mag should have a couple pages on sports every issue. I also think you should have a COMBAT CORNER with the Maple Leafs vs. the Raptors because the Leafs would kick some butt! See, I'm a big movie fan! I'm really looking forward to the Lord of the Rings movie in December because the book was amazing! I'm also a real big fan of the TV show C.S.I. because it's so suspenseful. **Coli**

DOO VS. BOB

I just have to say that I HATE SPONGEBOB! But, I absolutely adore Scooby Doo! What is it with a sponge dressed in pants? I just don't get it. One thing I do get, is Scooby. He is just a cute and hilarious great dane and he talks. He is way better than a talking sponge. I am getting really sick of that sponge that calls himself Bob. I believe that a great mag like yours would do something on a great dane like Scooby and he's a classic. **Paulina**

NFA SAYS: **Look for more Scooby action in the Mag when DOO TOO comes out in 2004!**

MY SPONGIEST OPINION

I think your magazine rocks, and I loved the Hilary Duff issue. I just wanted to say that in the September issue in VOCALS there is the debate on SpongeBob, I think SpongeBob rocks. For the people who think that he sucks if he were to suck then why would the show be doing as well as it is and why would there be so much promotion, and going into another season? You know it may be stupid humour but it is still good humour. That is only my opinion and everybody has theirs. Keep Rockin. **Jordan**

EARLY CHRISTMAS PREZZIE

Can you PLEASE talk my parents into getting me an "early Christmas present", such as a subscription of The Mag? All you gotta say is, "We think Jessie should get a subscription of The Mag as an early Christmas present!" SpongeBob RULEZ! **Jessica, ON**

NFA SAYS: **We think Jessie should get a subscription of The MAG NFA as an early Christmas present!**

OLD ACTORS

I'd like to ask why you never talk about many actors that aren't of our time? My favourite old actor is Sir Alec Guinness (R.I.P.). Don't get me wrong, I like new actors. Another favourite is Viggo Mortensen (for playing Aragorn in LOTR but old actors are good too. **Matthew**

SIMPLY PLANNED?

First of all I wanna say that I love The Mag and would die if I got my copy late. My favourite sections are SCREAMGAL and VOCALS. I also like the interviews, you should put some Simple Plan in The Mag because they are the best band on the earth. Maybe even an interview! I'd like to say hi to my friends who make my life cool. G2G peace out! **Josh, MB**

NFA SAYS: **Turn to page 42 for some SIMPLE PLAN goodness.**

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HARRY POTTER HEADACHES?

Dr. Howard Bennett of George Washington University Medical Centre warned that he has seen three children complain of headaches caused by the physical stress of reading HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF PHOENIX, the 870-page fifth installment of in the Potter series. "If this escalation continues as Rowling concludes the saga, there may be an epidemic of Hogwarts headaches in the years to come," Bennett suggested. Personally, we think he's the one who needs a doctor.

BLOOM'S KNIGHT

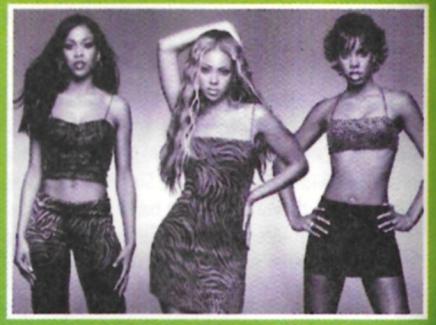
The mighty Orlando Bloom, currently on a golden roll with the LORD OF THE RINGS trilogy and PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN, will next star in the love story KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, directed by Ridley Scott (GLADIATOR, MATCHSTICK MEN). In KINGDOM OF HEAVEN, which starts filming next month in Morocco, Bloom will play a 12th-century blacksmith who becomes a knight to help fight against the Crusaders, and falls in love with the princess of Jerusalem. Bloom fans will be overjoyed to know that the 26 year old actor has also signed on for the sequel to the swashbuckling hit PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN based on the Disney ride of the same name.

MISSY AND JUSTIN ARE THE WORLD

MISSY ELLIOTT and JUSTIN TIMBERLAKE have announced plans to rewrite charity song "We are the World" to raise money for the A.I.D.S. epidemic. According to Billboard, Timbaland will produce the track, which will be released in spring 2004. The song, titled "The World Is Ours", will be a slight remix of the original "We Are the World", which was produced by Quincy Jones and featured Lionel Richie and Michael Jackson on vocal duties.

DESTINY'S CHILD: 2 in '04

Destiny's Child has announced plans to release two new albums in 2004, putting an end to the speculation that the group will split up. The band will begin recording the first album early next year, after completing various solo enterprises.



CLAY BREAKS KELLY'S RECORD

American Idol runner-up Clay Aiken's first album, MEASURE OF A MAN, debuted with sales of nearly 613,000, the third highest debut of the 2003 year. By contrast, original Idol winner Kelly Clarkson entered the album charts with sales of 297,000 last April. The debut CD of Ruben Studdard, who beat out Aiken in AI2, was released in November but sales figures were unavailable at time of press.

DEGRASSI JUNIOR HIGH COMES TO DVD

The cult Canadian TV series which has fans from around the globe is finally being released on DVD in 2004. If sales are brisk, we can expect further releases of THE KIDS OF DEGRASSI STREET, DEGRASSI HIGH, SCHOOL'S OUT (the tv movie), and eventually DEGRASSI: THE NEXT GENERATION.

BATTLE OF THE BONDS!

It appears that Eon, the production company who makes the James Bond movies, is very close to signing the next Bond.... Hugh Jackman! The news shocked most Bond fans, who had been lead to believe that Clive Owen was a shoe-in for the 007 role. At time of press, Jackman had not yet been confirmed. If he is given the role, it will be the second time an Australian actor has played the very British Bond (one-time wonder George Lazenby was the first).

KELLY=PINK+AVRIL?

KELLY OSBOURNE is hoping to emulate the success of PINK and AVRIL LAVIGNE on her second album. She has teamed up with The Matrix, the production geniuses behind Lavigne's debut album 'Let Go', for a new song called 'No Apologies'. According to Kelly, "It's basically about how I go through my life. I make mistakes, I do what I do, and I don't apologise for it is because it part of growing up." She also plans to work with the two people who helped Pink re-invent herself as a rock musician, Linda Perry and Rancid front man, Tim Armstrong. In the meantime, Osbourne has repackaged her debut album, 'Shut Up' with five bonus tracks and a new title, "Changes" which is a cover of a Black Sabbath song featuring her dad Ozzy.

ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS

Three hundred and twenty competitors shook their fists at the World Rock, Paper, Scissors Championships. The man who did win and walked away with $5,000 was Toronto's Rob Krueger, a member of the team "Legion of the Red Fist." To achieve this ambitious title of World RPS Champion, he threw a inspired combination of rock-paper-paper, defeating his opponent's three rocks. Silly or not, the event drew a crowd of about 900. Douglas Walker, managing director of the Toronto-based, 700-member World RPS Society, is more realistic about the "sport" he promotes. "We take rock, paper, scissors about as seriously as you take something like rock, paper, scissors. We have a lot of fun with the concept."

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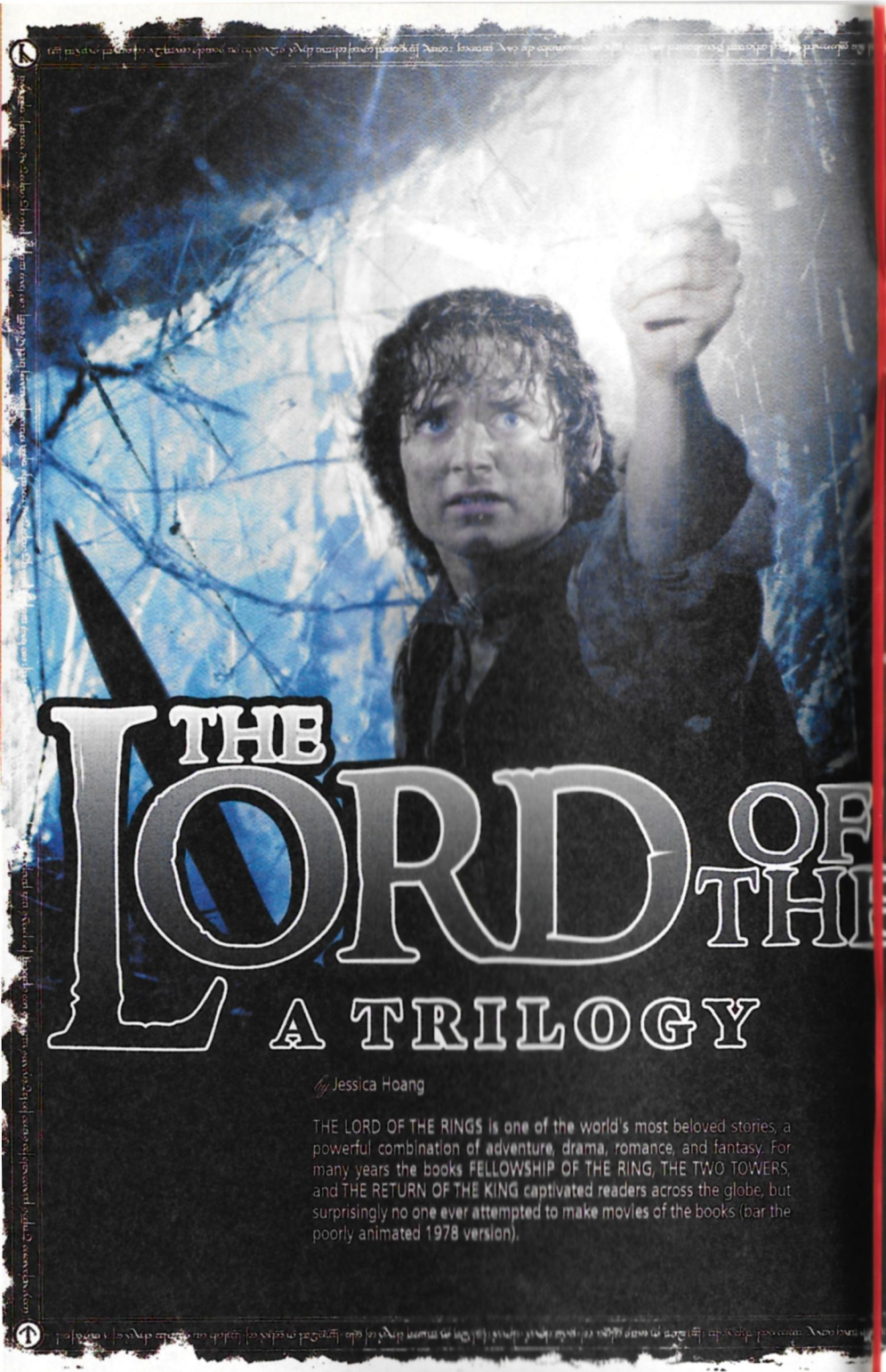


THE LORD OF THE RINGS™ A TRILOGY IN REVIEW

by Jessica Hoang

THE LORD OF THE RINGS is one of the world's most beloved stories, a powerful combination of adventure, drama, romance, and fantasy. For many years the books FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING, THE TWO TOWERS, and THE RETURN OF THE KING captivated readers across the globe, but surprisingly no one ever attempted to make movies of the books (bar the poorly animated 1978 version).

In the late 1990's, director Peter Jackson embarked on the massive production of LORD OF THE RINGS, to which again many people doubted could ever capture the spirit of the books. How wrong they were! But sadly, on December 17th, the journey ends with the release of THE RETURN OF THE KING.

The Movies

The LORD OF THE RINGS trilogy was shot back-to-back in 1999 on location in New Zealand, taking 274 days (over 16 months). Both cast and crew got a chance to live in the exotic world of New Zealand and enjoy its natural beauty, selected by director Peter Jackson because of its uncanny resemblance to Middle-Earth (Peter Jackson is also a New Zealand native!)

FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING was the first volume of the Lord of the Rings epic trilogy, starting off with a quick history lesson on the One Ring and the first battle of Middle-Earth.

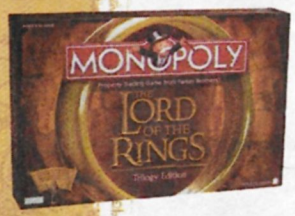
The story then follows Frodo Baggins (Elijah Wood), who inherits his uncle Bilbo's ring. This ring is no ordinary jewellery. In fact, it's a weapon that contains so much power that would allow the evil Lord of Mordor, Sauron, rule the Free Peoples of Middle-Earth. After a long journey to Rivendell, a Fellowship is formed. In this Fellowship there are four Hobbits, two Humans, an Elf, a Dwarf, and a Wizard. No oath or bond controls them to go further than they are willing. As the Fellowship of the Ring, they learn to work together even though they have differences (Elves and Dwarves) to help Frodo destroy the Ring in Mount Doom.

In THE TWO TOWERS, the trilogy continues with the Hobbits, Frodo and Sam (Sean Astin), in the rocky hills of Emyn Muil. The two humble friends discover that Gollum (Andy Serkis) is following them closely. After a struggle, Gollum makes a promise to the Hobbits that he would guide them to the Black Gates of Mordor. Meanwhile, Aragorn (Viggo Mortensen), Legolas (Orlando Bloom) and Gimli (John Rhys-Davies), arrive at the besieged Rohan kingdom. King Theoden had fell under Saruman's spell and could not act or speak for himself anymore. There is a slight love triangle between Eowyn (Miranda Otto), Aragorn, and Arwen (Liv Tyler). Gandalf the Grey (Sir Ian McKellan) is reborn as Gandalf the White after defeating the Balrog from the Mines of Moria. The Hobbits, Merry and Pippin, manage to escape from the hands of the Uruk-hai, but run into the enchanted forest where the Ents reside.

For RETURN OF THE KING, most of the storyline has been kept top secret. However it's known that Aragorn is revealed as the hidden heir to the ancient kings. Frodo and Sam are in Shelob's lair. After a small incident with the spider, it leads Sam to believe that his master is dead. Shelob, finally makes her debut to the LORD OF THE RINGS trilogy! With the wonders of technology, Shelob is brought to life in her massive size and threatening manner. Gandalf defeats the evil wizard, Saruman (Christopher Lee)! The famous Battle of Pelennor Fields is expected to be one of RETURN OF THE KING's climaxes. Faramir and Boromir's father, Denethor is also seen for the first time in RETURN OF THE KING. We also hope that one day Mr. Jackson will make the prequel to LORD OF THE RINGS, THE HOBBIT.

Merchandise

There is a large variety of LORD OF THE RINGS related merchandise for fans to purchase. Goodies range from Visual Companions of each volume, action figures, bookmarks, and a lot more including one of the newest, LORD OF THE RINGS themed Monopoly board game! Some of the more popular purchases are the Decipher Trading Card game. For a reasonable price, fans purchase starter boxes (it comes with a playable deck and beginner's rule book). You can trade your cards, or battle it out with another fan! After learning strategies and rules with the starter decks, booster packs are available to expand your collection. There are separate decks for FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING, THE TWO TOWERS, and RETURN OF THE KING.



There is an assortment of LORD OF THE RINGS posters from New Line Cinema. From RETURN OF THE KING teaser poster sets to LORD OF THE RINGS trilogy poster sets, these colourful posters would be an awesome addition to any LORD OF THE RINGS fanatic's room!

One of the year's newest item was the LORD OF THE RINGS Bobbleheads. These little guys are made from polystone-material and are about seven inches tall (relatively speaking, the Hobbits stand around 6 inches). You could purchase a 7" King Theoden Bobblehead as well as a very scary Saruman one!

Why be a princess or a pirate next Halloween? Why not be Gollum or maybe an Uruk-Hai? For about $43.95 (USD) you can purchase terrifyingly realistic masks of Middle-Earth's creatures. Unfortunately, they only come as Gollum,Uruk-Hai and a Moria Orc. These masks are made from durable latex. There are also costume sets that contain full details of your favourite characters! You could be a Hobbit, a Ringwraith, Arwen or even the courageous Aragorn!

The LORD OF THE RINGS merchandise is not only very detailed but it's also authentic and original. Although expensive, you could buy replicas of brooches from the Elves or earring and necklace sets and even the One Ring! These beauties are crafted in sterling silver or even 10-14 karat gold, and crystal cabochons (varies from each product). A few items even come with a certificate of authenticity!

Languages

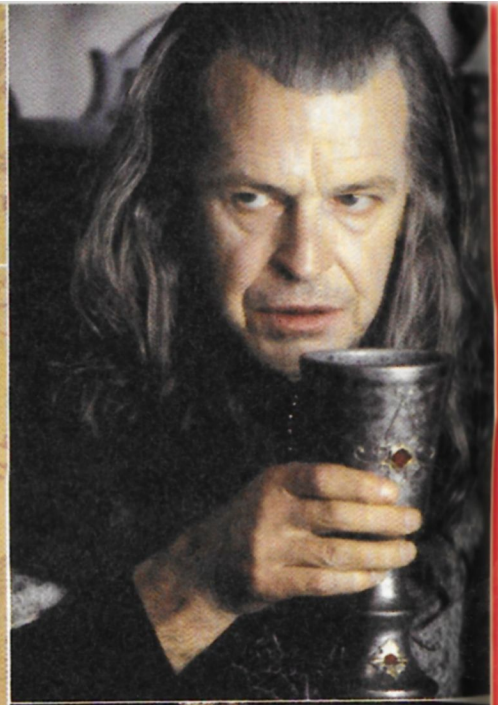
When you read the LORD OF THE RINGS, it can be a bit hard at first to understand the dialects that J.R.R. Tolkien created especially for Middle-Earth. Elvish is one of the more popular languages created by J.R.R. Tolkien, and in the movies there is a significant amount of Elvish spoken. Unless you were fluent in Elvish (which some people are), the use of English subtitles would be of no use to you. You could also hear Gandalf and Saruman cast spells in their own tongue, as well as Gimli saying prayers to his deceased cousin, Balin. Peter Jackson ensured that proper pronunciation was used in the movies by hiring linguists. The Elvish you hear is not simply dialogue from the books, it is actually taken from Tolkien's own dictionary. Dialect coach Andrew Jack used actual recordings of Tolkien reading his books to guide the actors on proper pronunciation.

Awards

The LORD OF THE RINGS trilogy has been one of the most successful movie trilogies of all time. Peter Jackson, along with several of the LORD OF THE RINGS actors and crew have been nominated for prestigious awards. FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING received thirteen nominations from the most celebrated awards show, the Oscars. Out of its thirteen nominations, FELLOWSHIP won four Oscars, including Achievement in Visual Effects.

THE TWO TOWERS received six nominations from the Oscars, but only won two.

Unfortunately, neither FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING nor THE TWO TOWERS won an Oscar for Best Motion Picture of the Year. Let's hope that RETURN OF THE KING brings it home! For rising superstars such as Orlando Bloom, winning the Breakthrough Actor award can be a boost for his career and reputation. Most people who have seen the 2003 MTV Movie Awards, know that Gollum had something remarkably funny to say when Andy Serkis got an award! And just recently, Peter Jackson won a GQ Men of the Year award for Visionary! Congrats!



Extended Editions

New Line Cinema released theatrical versions of each movie on DVD and VHS. Soon after, they released a special gift set of the extended version that came with polystone figurines (made by Sideshow and Weta), and bonus DVDs all in a nicely decorated box. For the extended editions up to 40 minutes of additional movie footage was added to the already hefty running time. This is great because the LORD OF THE RINGS movies had to be edited down because some viewers would not want to watch three or four hours of footage in the theatres. The Special Gift Set of Extended Versions of FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING and THE TWO TOWERS are quite costly, but if you still want the additional footage of the movies there is the regular Extended Version without the figurines. Rumours persist that Peter Jackson will release a definitive box set of all three movies in 2005, editing them together into one long twelve hour feature!

Movie Trivia

- After actor Daniel Day-Lewis turned down the role of Aragon, Stuart Townsend was cast, but was replaced by Viggo Mortensen after four days of shooting. Apparently Townsend didn't get along with director Peter Jackson.
- Orlando Bloom originally auditioned for the part of Faramir.
- When the trailer for FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING was released on the internet in April of 2001, it was downloaded 1.6 million times in the first 24 hours.
- Christopher Lee, who plays Saruman, reads LORD OF THE RINGS once a year and is the only member of the cast or crew to have actually met J.R.R Tolkien. He was also the very first person cast for the trilogy because of his immense knowledge of the books often helped the make-up department with details on the masks.
- Ian McKellen based the accent of Gandalf on Tolkien's infamous accent.

The Fans

LORD OF THE RINGS fans are very happy to discuss the movies and the books, and this is why we have a whole forum called THE HOBBIT HOLE at THE MAGAZINE NFA MESSAGE BOARD (www.themagazine.ca). You can go there any hour of the day and find long discussions about Elvish, Orlando Bloom, Elijah Wood, and the countless sightings of new merchandise. We asked some of the regular HOBBIT HOLE posters what they loved about LORD OF THE RINGS and here are their responses:

HPFan9684: "I love the LOTR books because the characters in it are interesting, the story is awesome, there are lots of details, and I love the whole theme of good and evil in it. I love the movies because of the details in it too, the actors, how visually beautiful it is, and also just because of the whole way the movies have been put together"

ThE rEal bDa: "I love LOTR because when I first saw it, it looked so amazing and adventurous. The books are fun and imaginative! The series made me like books, and actually got me reading. Frodo is amazing! J.R.R Tolkien is an amazing writer!"

RaineZZZ: "I am obsessed with Lord of the Rings. It's a classic tale of good vs. evil with an awesome twist at the end of the last book. J.R.R Tolkien created some great, unforgettable characters like Frodo, Sam, Gandalf, Aragorn, and of course, my favourite, Legolas. Peter Jackson made a flawless transfer of the books into movies and I have to say, as a Level 6 Tolkien fan, I am impressed! I also looooove Orlando Bloom, who does a wonderful job of playing Legolas. Other great acting performances in the movies are the portrayal of Gandalf by Sir Ian McKellan, Viggo Mortensen as Aragorn, and Sean Astin as Sam.

Chocolate Chip: "I love LOTR because it has an incredible storyline. Peter Jackson did an amazing job directing it. And the cast was awesome. The detailing was amazing. It's obvious they put in a lot of work and effort."

SportsShortsPhenom: "SSP is boy crazy. LOTR is filled with them. Need I say anymore?"

IHS: "I love LOTR because it's exciting, action packed, and has a good plot and very good characters, and the movies have especially good acting. I do not just like it for how "hot" the actors or actresses are, simply because it is an extremely well written book, and an even better movie."

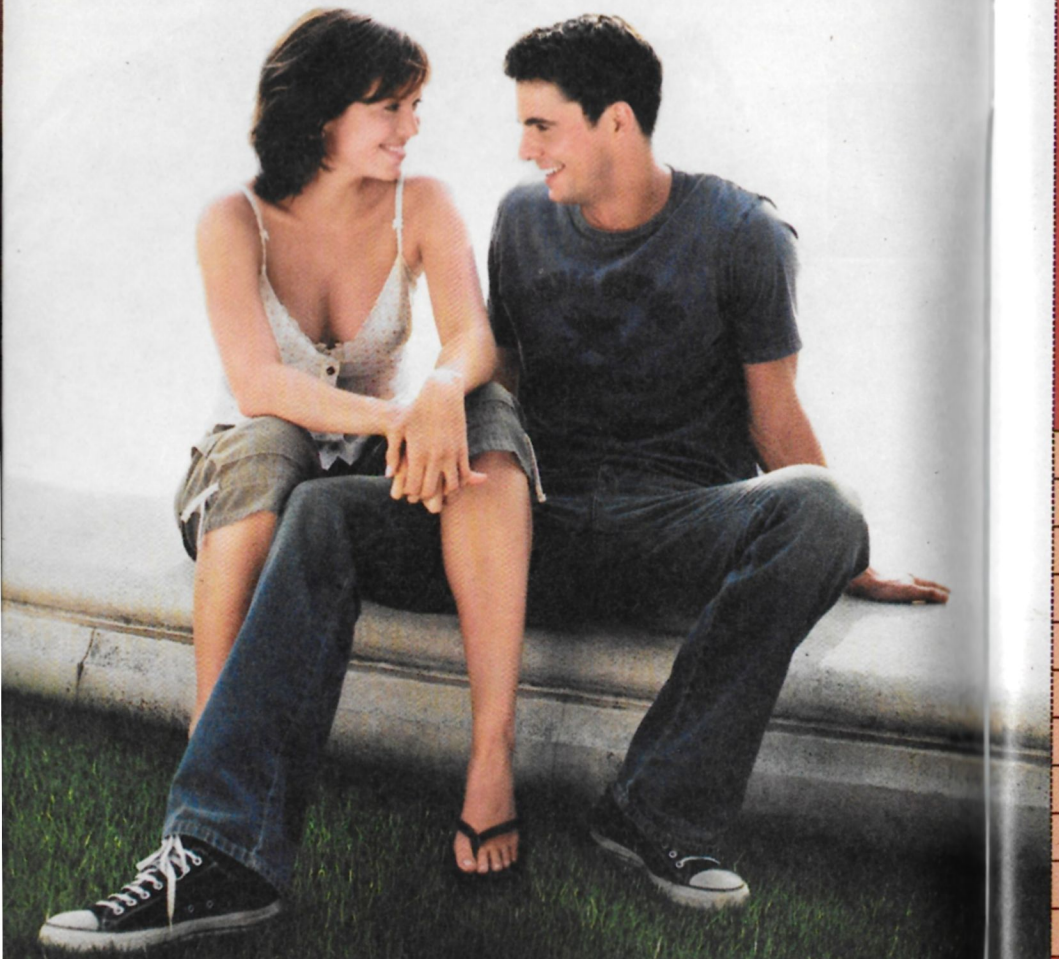
Screamgal14: "I love Lord of the Rings because it's so different from anything else out there. It's classic. The battle scenes are fantastic, the characters are all well developed and loveable (Merry is my favourite!) and I always catch something new every time I watch one of the movies. I'm anxiously awaiting the release of RETURN OF THE KING!

ChistinaluvLOTR: "There's no doubt in my mind that LOTR the books and the movie will ever be forgotten. It's one of those movies where no matter how many times you watch it, it will always be just as exciting, tear-jerking, and fantastical each and every time. I can't say whether Tolkien would have liked the movie, knowing he had his issues with technology, but I can say that I, along with millions of other people love it for what it's worth. It may be the actors, it may be the music, but whatever it is, I love it."

Tinuviel9: "I can tell that I am soooo lovin' LOTR because I felt really sad when I finished it for the first time. I wanted more...so I read it again and then I read the Hobbit, the Silmarillion and Unfinished Tales. I know it's not just one of those fads cause it's been around since the early 20th century and people are still reading it. Pogs, Alf and the Spice Girls will come and go, but LOTR is forever!

LORD OF THE RINGS: THE RETURN OF THE KING opens on December 17th. See you in line!

What would you do if you were Mandy Moore?



In theatres January 2004

Budding teenage beauty Anna Foster (MANDY MOORE) wants the American dream: life and liberty to pursue happiness. But as the only child of the President of the United States, every detail of Anna's life is constantly monitored by the media, the public and her very protective parents - who are backed up by a battalion of Secret Service agents that safeguard Anna from any danger, including the perils of first dates. Charming and irreverent, Anna just wants the freedom to live life like any other teenager - which means ditching the agents who are seriously curbing her good times. While on a diplomatic trip to Europe with her parents, Anna extracts a promise from her father, the President, which allows her a night alone, unescorted. But when her dad has a change of heart, Anna decides to take things into her own hands. In a wild escape, incognito Anna meets mysterious stranger Ben Calder (MATTHEW GOODE), who reluctantly aids her European getaway.

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THE MAG NFA'S TOP 10 OF 2003: MOVIES

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THE LIZZIE MCGUIRE MOVIE

Lizzie hopped from the small screen to the big screen in one of the best movies "based on a TV show" ever made (go ask FROM JUSTIN TO KELLY). Aside from the mysterious disappearance of Lalaine, this was a nice way to wrap up the popular adventures of Lizzie.

9

FREAKY FRIDAY

Lindsay Lohan and Jamie Lee Curtis switch bodies in this hilarious remake of a Disney classic. Lohan is especially great as her forty-something Mom, and Curtis is totally convincing as her rebellious teen daughter.

8

BEND IT LIKE BECKHAM

Soccer, Indian culture and British girl power collide in this awesome comedy which has a very strong and important message - follow your dreams!

7

THE ITALIAN JOB

THE ITALIAN JOB became the underdog hit of the summer, getting good reviews and good box office in the shadow of the big action movies. The reason was simple: great group of actors, simple story, and realistic car chases with no CGI. And of course, Minis.

6

HOLES

Fans of Louis Sachar's HOLES were pleasantly surprised that the movie version stayed true to the story and brought Stanley and the gang to life without losing the vibe of the book. This doesn't happen too often so when it does we say YAY!

5

SCHOOL OF ROCK

Jack Black solidified his title as the wackiest guy in the world with this awesome comedy about the ultimate battle of the bands. Black's energy is unstoppable, and its almost exhausting to watch him because he makes us laugh harder than anyone else. Jack Black simply owns!

4

X-MEN 2

A rare example of a sequel which far out-performed the original, X2 is the ultimate comic book movie. From the opening chase through the White House to the tragic finale, X2 was the best superhero movie of the year by a MILE. Roll on X3.

3

FINDING NEMO

Cutest movie of the year showed that nobody can do animated storytelling as well as Disney. Both funny and sad, NEMO was a huge hit across the board, proving you can still make movies that anyone of any age can enjoy. If you haven't already seen this, seek it out!

2

LORD OF THE RINGS: THE RETURN OF THE KING

The final installment of the greatest movie trilogy ever is everything we imagined and more. While it's sad that it has come to an end, we can be sure that this movie and the trilogy will live on forever thanks to the hard work of everyone involved A true masterpiece of movie making.

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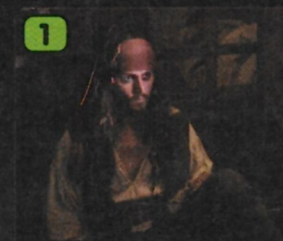

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN

2003 was the year of the Pirate and this movie triumphantly sailed the golden sea of success. Keira Knightly, Orlando Bloom and Johnny Depp became the "It" actors of the year and made traditionally lame Pirates cool again. No one would have guessed that a movie based on an amusement park ride would be so amazing, but now we're all counting down the minutes until the sequel arrives.

HONOURABLE MENTIONS:

ELF, SCARY MOVIE 3, SEABISCUIT, SPY KIDS 3-D, BRUCE ALMIGHTY

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6:30	Kids From Room 402							6:30
7:00	Braceface	My Dad RS	What's with Andy?	Braceface	What's with Andy?	The Bugs Bunny &		7:00
7:30	Totally Spies!					Tweety Show		7:30
8:00	Baby Looney Tunes					What's New Scooby-Doo?		8:00
8:30	Maggie and the Ferocious Beast					Duck Dodgers		8:30
9:00	Caillou					Codename: Kids Next Door		9:00
9:30	Simon in the Land of Chalk Drawings					Ozzy & Drix		9:30
10:00	Pecola					¡Mucha Lucha!		10:00
10:30	Rescue Heroes					Yakkity Yak		10:30
11:00	What About Mimi?					Kid Paddle		11:00
11:30	Angela Anaconda					Ratz		11:30
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2:00	Eckhart					Rescue Heroes		2:00
2:30	The Secret World of Santa Claus					Roboroach		2:30
3:00	Oliver's Adventures					Pig City		3:00
3:30	Kids From Room 402					Cardcaptors		3:30
4:00	Sabrina, the Animated Series					Megaman NT Warrior		4:00
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9:00	Family Guy							9:00
9:30	Daft Planet			The Ripping Friends		Grim & Evil	Time Squad	9:30
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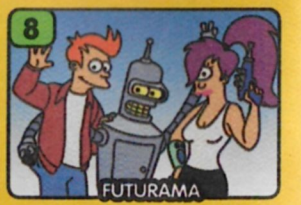
THE MAG NFA'S TOP 10 OF 2003: TV SHOWS

Finally a show about young people who actually talk and act like young people! Also, the best looking cast and the second best theme song on TV (after SMALLVILLE) add up to make this one of the best new shows in a long time. Keep your eyes on this one.

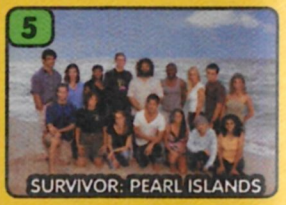
Powerhouse vocalists Ruben and Clay made AI2 the most extraordinary competition ever seen in a musical reality show. Even though Rubes won, we think Clay was equally amazing, no matter what other opinions you might read in The Mag (*cough*Missa*cough*). We're breathless with anticipation for the third installment.



Even though it was cancelled last year, FUTURAMA returned to TV this summer to air its final 13 episodes, and almost all of them were instant classics. Bonus points for the series finale, a touching farewell that saw Fry and Leela finally get together (or did they?) FUTURAMA, you will be sadly missed.

DEGRASSI: TNG continues to deliver the most realistic portrayal of young people living in today's confusing world. No wonder this Canadian show has a huge fanbase in the UK, the USA, and Australia!

The NFA office is mixed on this one, but there's no denying this is the biggest hit of the Fall season. By combining attractive actors, popular music and questions we all have about God, JOAN OF ARCADIA has made Friday nights in front of the tube interesting again.



PEARL ISLANDS aka "The Rupert Show" saw SURVIVOR finally succumb to BIG BROTHER like twists and turns. While many fans found this a betrayal of the basic rules of the show, we can't deny this was the first SURVIVOR in a long time that had us all talking (and complaining!)

The final year of BUFFY brought back fan favourites like Faith, fun High School storylines with Dawn, and a low key finale that managed to wrap up seven years of intense slayage. Yes we miss it, but better to go out with a bang than to slowly fade away.

SpongeBob continued his conquest of the planet in 2003, resulting in the SpongeBob-filled February issue of The Mag completely selling out in a matter of weeks! Talk has inevitably turned to the big screen version of SPONGEBOB, due next December. Consider us excited with a capital X.

Superman's early years continue to fascinate, and even though we know the outcome, the show is infectious. Slow unfolding tragedy doesn't get any better than this. Miss at your own peril.

1 The Simpsons

What is left to say that hasn't already been said? There's a reason why SIMPSONS has been on more MAG covers than anything else. What other shows that have been on TV for 15 years are this good? Not surprisingly, the answer rhymes with fun.

HONOURABLE MENTIONS:

8 Simple Rules .... for Dating My Teenage Daughter, The Brendan Leonard Show, Paradise Hotel, 24, That 70's Show, Gilmore Girls, Malcolm in the Middle, Friends, The Lizzie McGuire Show, Family Guy, Angel, Enterprise, Alias, CSI

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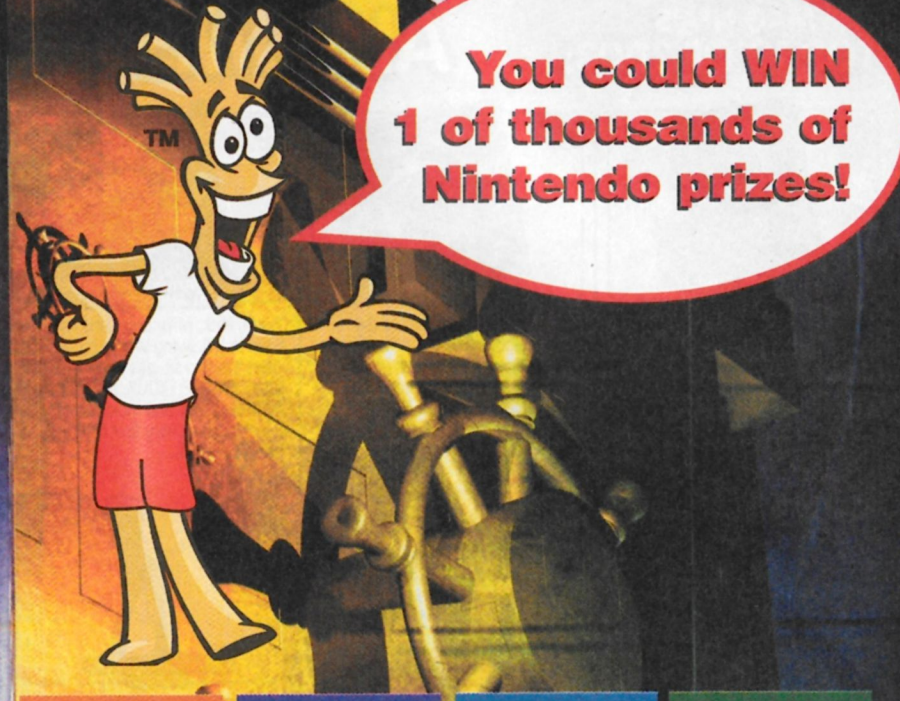

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THE MAG NFA'S TOP 10 OF 2003: ALBUMS

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Michelle Branch
HOTEL PAPER

She took the sixth spot with THE SPIRIT ROOM on last year's TOP 10 and we're happy to have her back with this year's HOTEL PAPER.

9

Black Eyed Peas
ELEPHUNK

With a hit single, "Where's the Love?" and opening for the biggest summer tour, "Justified & Stripped", this was definitely a phunky year for the BEP!

8

The All-American Rejects
THE ALL-AMERICAN REJECTS

Tyson, Nick, Mike and Chris have been in full swing with a hit record, chart topping singles, touring on the VANS WARPED TOUR, headlining their own tour and most recently releasing their very first DVD, TO BAD FOR HELL.

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Blink-182
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Blink fans had been patiently waiting for a new record by the boys and once they got their hands on it they have loved it ever since!

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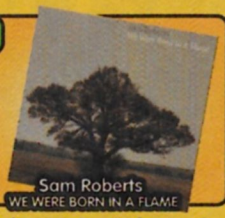


Sam Roberts
WE WERE BORN IN A FLAME

Three chart topping singles, opening for the Rolling Stones at "SARS-Stock". Undoubtably, the best rock album put out by a Canadian artist in a really, really long time.

5

Christina Aguilera
STRIPPED

STRIPPED is a collection of songs co-written and co-produced by Christina Aguilera and as it stands, her best work yet. Don't let the title or the first single, "Dirrty" mislead you. This is a sophisticated album with important messages throughout.

4

Outkast
SPEAKERBOXXX/THE LOVE BELOW

Going their separate ways Big Boi and Andre 3000 released their fifth album as a double cd with a disk belonging to each of them. Big Boi stuck to the Outkast formula on SPEAKERBOXXX and the rebellious Dre crosses hip-hop boundaries on THE LOVE BELOW. Sales have shown that the album is receiving a lot of love across the globe...a few speaker boxes' were even broken.

3

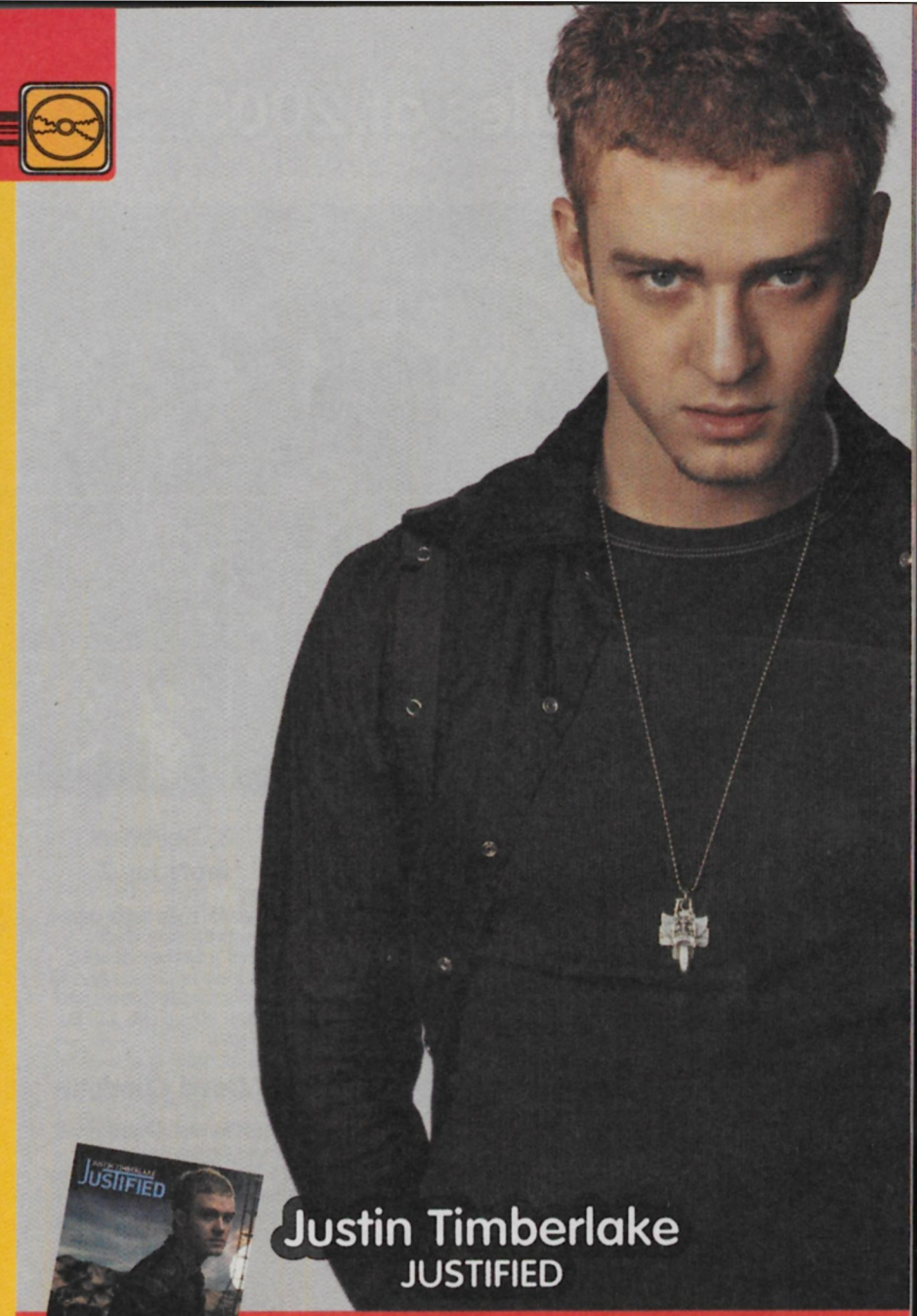
The White Stripes
ELEPHANT

Although North America just jumped on the White Stripes wagon, ELEPHANT is surprisingly their forth album. Since the release of the album every single put out by ex-hubbies Jack White and Meg have placed high on music charts around the world.

2

50 Cent
GET RICH OR DIE TRYIN

This was definitely the year for new comer 50 Cent. The Jamacia Queens' (NYC) rapper sold 1.5 million copies of his major label debut in it's first week of release back in February 2003. The highest EVER for a debut.



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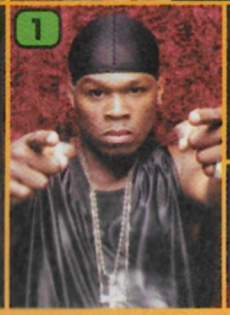
Justin Timberlake
JUSTIFIED

After taking a break from his boys in 'N Sync and being heart broken over Britney Spears, Justin Timberlake's debut solo release was the most anticipated album of the year. It debuted at number one on BILLBOARD'S album charts and released a slew of hit singles. The Neptunes produced "Like I Love You," Timbaland's, "Cry Me A River", "Rock Your Body" and "Senorita." Justin Timberlake successfully proved that he can stand on his own two feet without his boys backing him.

Top 10 Singles of 2003



10. Simple Plan
"Addicted"

Girls love 'em and boys want to be like them. Simple Plan's "Addicted" helped win the hearts of teenagers in their native Canada and all around the world. Way to go guys!

9. The Black Eyed Peas
"Where's the Love?"

The BEP team up with Justin Timberlake on "Where's The Love?" A smart choice by the BEP to release this song as their first single as it reeled in many new fans.

8. Missy Elliot
"Gossip Folks"

The second single from Missy's mighty UNDER CONSTRUCTION album was phat, funky, and fresh. For extra chunky beats check out the Fatboy Slim remix.

7.The White Stripes
"Seven Nation Army"

So what if you can't understand what Jack White is saying! Who needs vocals when you have the hypnotic kick and snare?!

6. Avril Lavigne
"I'm With You"

Avril's debut was still breathing in early 2003 when she released "I'm With You." Even if you lived in the North Pole you would have heard it for sure.

5. Christina Aguilera
"Beautiful"

If you put aside her controversial video, "Beautiful" is evidence that Christina has real and true talent.

4. Justin Timberlake
"Cry Me A River"

He will deny it to his grave that "Cry Me A River" is NOT about Britney. But we all know it is!

3. Beyonce feat. Jay Z
"Crazy In Love"

NFA couldn't help but be crazy in love with this song which resulted in that horn bit being stuck in our heads most days. All together now: DUH du NU NAH NU NAH NU ... du NU NAH NU NAH NAH!

2.Good Charlotte
"The Anthem"

Good Charlotte released a lot of singles this year but one that sticks out is "The Anthem." It got everyone throwing their hands up!

1. 50 Cent
In Da Club"

Even if you're not into hip-hop or 50 Cent, chances are you had "Go shorty it's your birthday..." stuck in your head. This song was completely inescapable in 2003.

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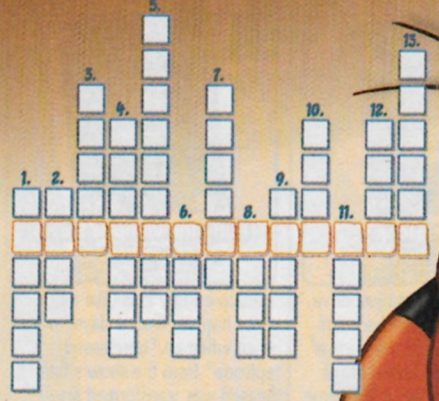

1. Tony likes sports that are _____-packed.
2. Where you play ice hockey.
3. You eat cereal with this.
4. Another word for "crispy".
5. The first meal of the day.
6. Often goes with cereal.
7. We eat this for breakfast.
8. Another word for "no points" in a game.
9. Tony is one.
10. Can also be found on the cob.
11. "They're _____!"
12. Container.
13. Tony's favourite winter sport.

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THE MAG NFA'S TOP 10 OF 2003: VIDEO GAMES

10

Crimson Skies
(XBOX)

Most flight simulators are pretty dry affairs, but this fast-paced airplane combat game will have you clenching your controller with your proverbial white knuckles.

9

Viewtiful Joe
(Gamecube)

This simple (but addictive!) side-scrolling beat-em-up is a little lacking in the gameplay department, but it's got the flat-out coolest graphics of any game this year.

8

Jak II
(PS2)

This sequel takes everything fun about the first Jak & Daxter and makes it even better. A great free-roaming action-platform game that has a little something for everyone.

7

Billy Hatcher and the Giant Egg
(Gamecube)

The old-school platform style of gaming got a neat twist with this quirky game about a boy, a rooster suit and some magical eggs.

6

The Simpsons: Hit & Run
(Xbox, Gamecube, PS2)

If you've ever wanted to just drive around Springfield and check out all the landmarks (like the nuclear power plant, Moe's Tavern or the Quik-E-Mart), then this is the game you've been waiting for.

5

Buffy the Vampire Slayer: Chaos Bleeds
(Xbox, Gamecube, PS2)

Hardcore Buffy fans (like me) were happier than a slayer in a crypt when an "unreleased episode" from the show's final season was transformed into a really thrilling game.

4

Harry Potter: Quidditch World Cup
(PS2)

Nothing feels better than swooping past a Slytherin keeper and slam-dunking a Quaffle. Well, except for snatching the Snitch away from Victor Krum to clinch the World Cup. That feels pretty good too.

3

Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic
(Xbox)

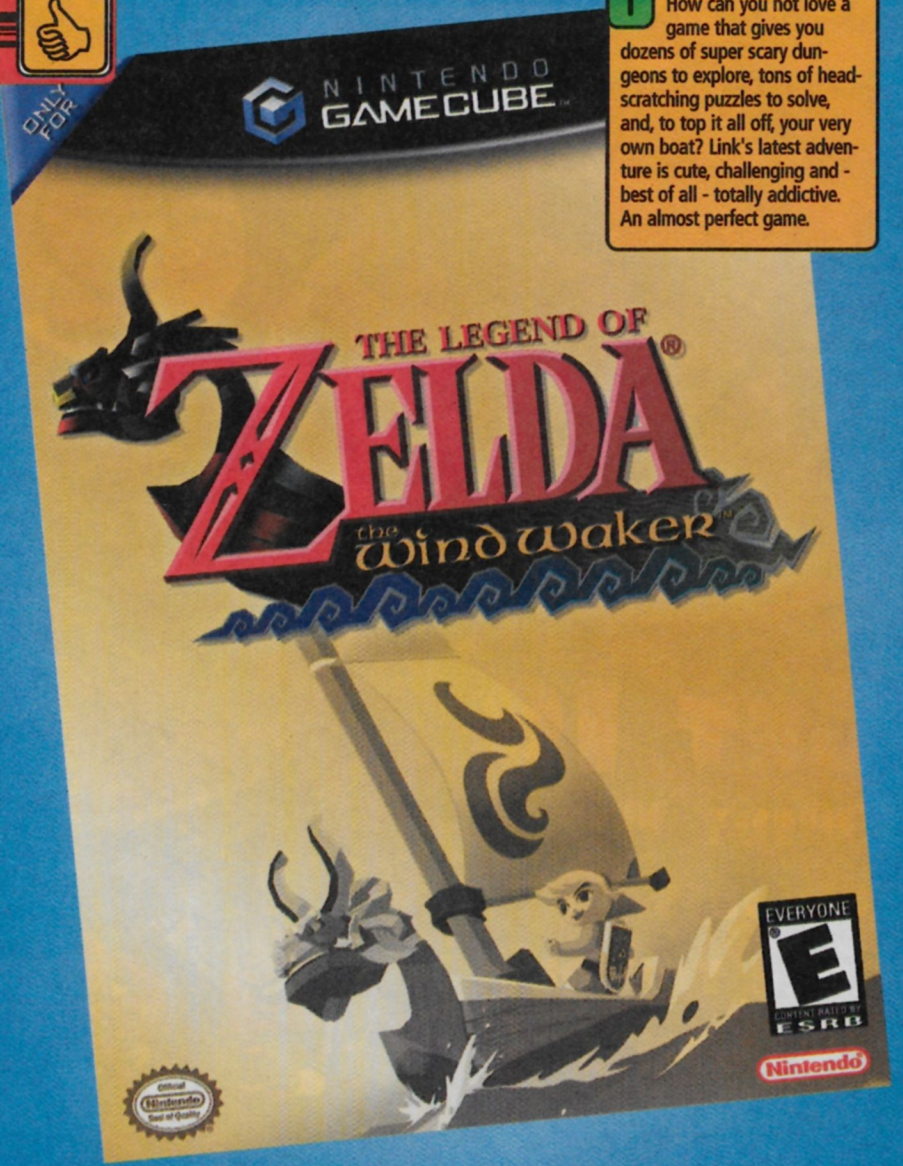
The last two Star Wars movies have been pretty terrible, but this game's wicked Jedi powers, epic battles and really well-written script almost make up for Jar-Jar and Anakin. Almost.

2

The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King
(PS2)

When I first read The Lord of the Rings, I couldn't stop imagining what it would be like to swing an axe with Gimli or sneak around Mordor with Sam. Thanks to this game, I finally know.

1 How can you not love a game that gives you dozens of super scary dungeons to explore, tons of head-scratching puzzles to solve, and, to top it all off, your very own boat? Link's latest adventure is cute, challenging and - best of all - totally addictive. An almost perfect game.



Legend of Zelda: The Wind Waker (Gamecube)

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THE MAG NFA'S TOP 10 OF 2003: BOOKS

10

CROOKED

AUTHOR: Laura and Tom McNeal
PUBLISHER: Laure Leaf

Ditched by her best friend, Clara Wilson is left to face her troubles alone. Although her crush, Amos notices her despite her crooked nose, it doesn't make life any easier.

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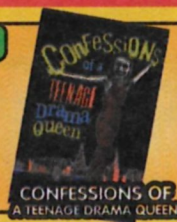


CONFESSIONS OF A TEENAGE DRAMA QUEEN

AUTHOR: Dyan Sheldon
PUBLISHER: Random House

Mary Elizabeth, or Lola is used to being the centre of her universe. When forced to leave Manhattan for the boring New Jersey, Lola wants to find a way to be herself rather than fall into the boundaries of popularity.

8

CINEMA YEAR BY YEAR 1894-2003

EDITOR: Robyn Karney
PUBLISHER: DK

It's huge and heavy but worth the struggle! Jam packed with millions of amazing photos, facts, movie events, actors and actresses, this is a book that anyone who has ever seen a movie can enjoy!

7

CAPTAIN UNDERPANTS

AUTHOR: Dav Pilkey
PUBLISHER: Scholastic

Seriously. It's a fun burst out laughing, ridiculously silly read.

6

CORALINE

AUTHOR: Neil Gaiman
PUBLISHER: Harper Collins

Certainly on the creepy side, Coraline is a bored girl who finds a different world behind a wall in her new home where she becomes close to her "Other Parents." Coraline is engrossing fiction that's difficult to put down.

5

SPIDER-MAN THE ULTIMATE GUIDE

AUTHOR: Tom DeFalco
PUBLISHER: DK

Maybe it's Spidey insanity but NFA can't get enough of this book! The other Marvel and DC comic book ultimate guides published this year all deserve a place on the Top Ten list!

4

THE SLIPPERY SLOPE (A SERIES OF UNFORTUNATE EVENTS, BOOK 10)

AUTHOR: Lemony Snicket
PUBLISHER: Harper Collins

Violet, younger brother Klaus, and baby sister Sunny Baudelaire are on a dangerous and suspenseful journey yet again. It's been a big year for the author, whoever he OR she may be!

3

EMILY'S BOOK OF STRANGE

ILLUSTRATOR: Rob Reger
PUBLISHER: Chronicle Books

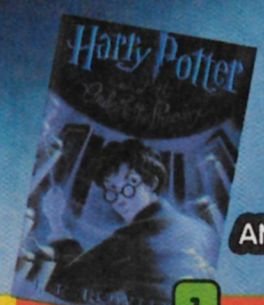
It's secret, it's covert, it's haunted and very odd. But, that is exactly what everyone seems to love about Emily Strange's world inhabited only by her posse of cats and a bad attitude.

2

THE TOP 10 OF EVERYTHING 2004

AUTHOR: Russell Ash
PUBLISHER: DK

Russell Ash has the art of list making down to a science, making this book a very fitting selection for the Top Ten issue of The Mag!



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HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (BOOK 5)

AUTHOR: J. K. Rowling, Mary GrandPré (illustrator)
PUBLISHER: Scholastic

Book Five fittingly finds 15-year old Harry back for his fifth year at Hogwarts, dealing with all manner of natural and supernatural issues. 870 pages later, we're all breathlessly awaiting the next installment. Quickly please J.K!

Special thanks to Agathon Fric, Sarah Bugeja, Annesha Hutchinson and Michna Dahl.

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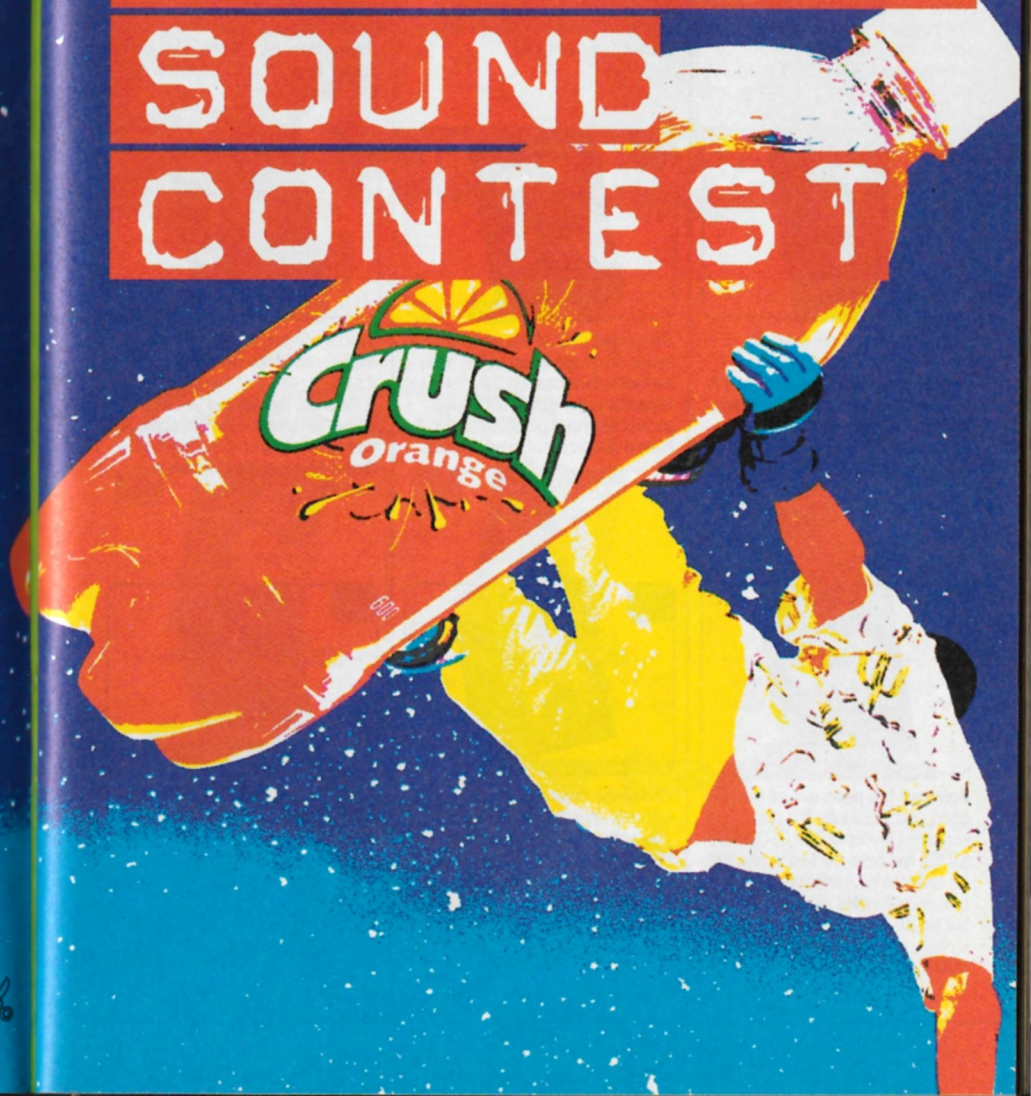

THE MAG NFA'S TOP 10 OF 2003: DVDs

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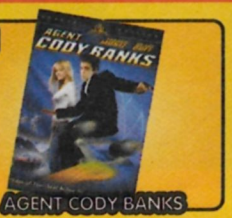

AGENT CODY BANKS

With enough gadgets and extras to make any secret agent happy, CODY BANKS takes DVD bonus materials to the next logical level. And special congratulations to Brenna Crabtree for re-writing the ending and winning our AGENT CODY BANKS DVD contest!

9

SLEEPING BEAUTY

Classic Disney resurrected from the vaults and lovingly restored to look like it was made yesterday. A film to own and cherish, but better do it quickly as Disney is taking it off the market early next year.

8

PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN

Another great package from Disney, this set has not only the best movie of 2003, but nineteen deleted scenes, an interactive history of Pirates, and even a breezy commentary from Johnny "Hot again" Depp. There's a galleon of gold here.

7

X-MEN 2

Could the coolest comic book movie ever be any cooler? The answer is yes, and the reason is this DVD. Two discs of pure eXcitement make this an essential part of any comic book fan's DVD collection. Before you re-watch the movie, be sure and check out that Nightcrawler prequel comic included here.

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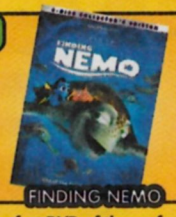

FINDING NEMO

The perfect DVD of the perfect movie, there are hours of fun to be had with the extras on this disc. Our favourite is the virtual aquariums, perfect for those people who don't have a fish tank but need to relax.

5

DIE ANOTHER DAY

Special Editions of James Bond movies raised the bar on DVD, so it's no surprise that the latest DVD is the most jam packed yet. Most interesting extra: A look at some scenes before and after they had digital effects added. Double-o-essential.

4

HARRY POTTER
AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS

Hogwarts has never looked so good, and thankfully, the ultra confusing layout of PHILOSOPHER'S STONE has been ditched in place of an easier to navigate menu. Potter fans and Muggles alike had nothing but praise for this special edition, so it easily makes the "must own" DVD list this year.

3

THE ADVENTURES OF INDIANA JONES

One of the most anticipated releases since the dawn of the DVD player, this magnificent box set collects all three of Indy's adventures, along with a whole disc full of documentaries and special features. Best box set of the year!

2

LORD OF THE RINGS
THE TWO TOWERS PLATINUM SERIES EXTENDED EDITION

Four discs of LORD OF THE RINGS gold is more than any Hobbit Head could ask for, but just wait until Mr. Jackson releases the twelve disc super duper edition....

SPIRITED AWAY

1

Hayao Miyazaki's SPIRITED AWAY was the highest grossing film in Japanese box-office history, and after watching such a beautiful movie you will understand why. You have the option of watching the movie with the original Japanese sound track with subtitles, or the English language version which features LILO & STITCH's Daveigh Chase as Chihiro. This movie is truly a work of art, and we cannot recommend it highly enough.

5 BEST TV SHOW DVDs

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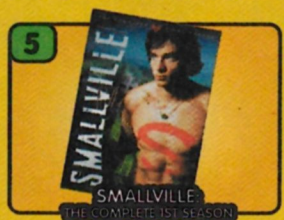

SMALLVILLE:
THE COMPLETE 1ST SEASON

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4

THE SIMPSONS
TREEHOUSE OF HORROR

Now we can watch HOMER in 3D world uncut every night before bed.

3

FUTURAMA:
VOLUME 2

Even though it's gone from TV world it will live on in DVD world till the end of time.

2

BUFFY, THE VAMPIRE SLAYER
THE COMPLETE 4TH SEASON

"We're drawing up a plan for world domination. The key element? Coffee makers that think."

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SPONGEBOB SQUAREPANTS
THE COMPLETE 1ST SEASON

Currently topping most lists sent to Santa.

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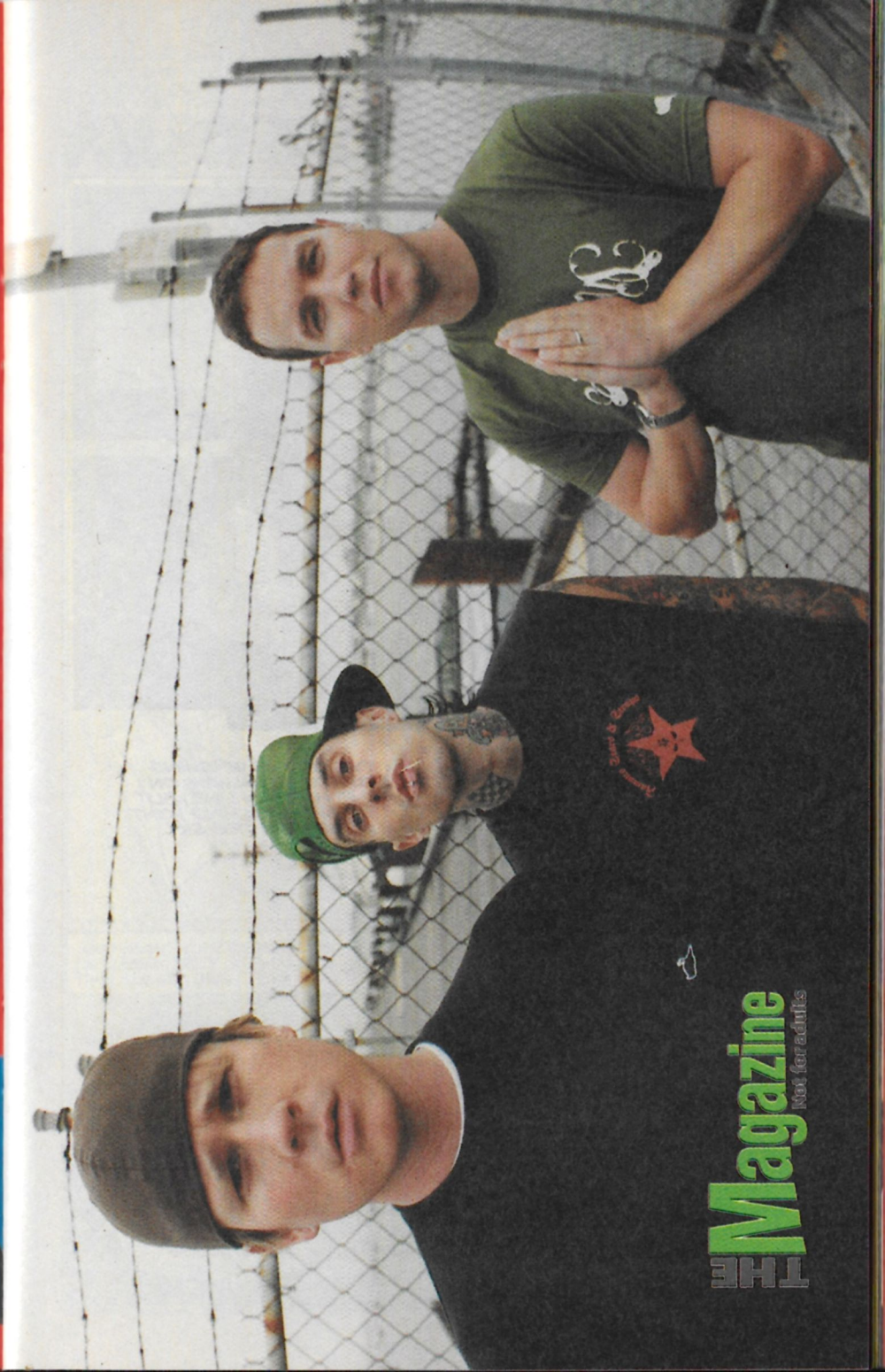
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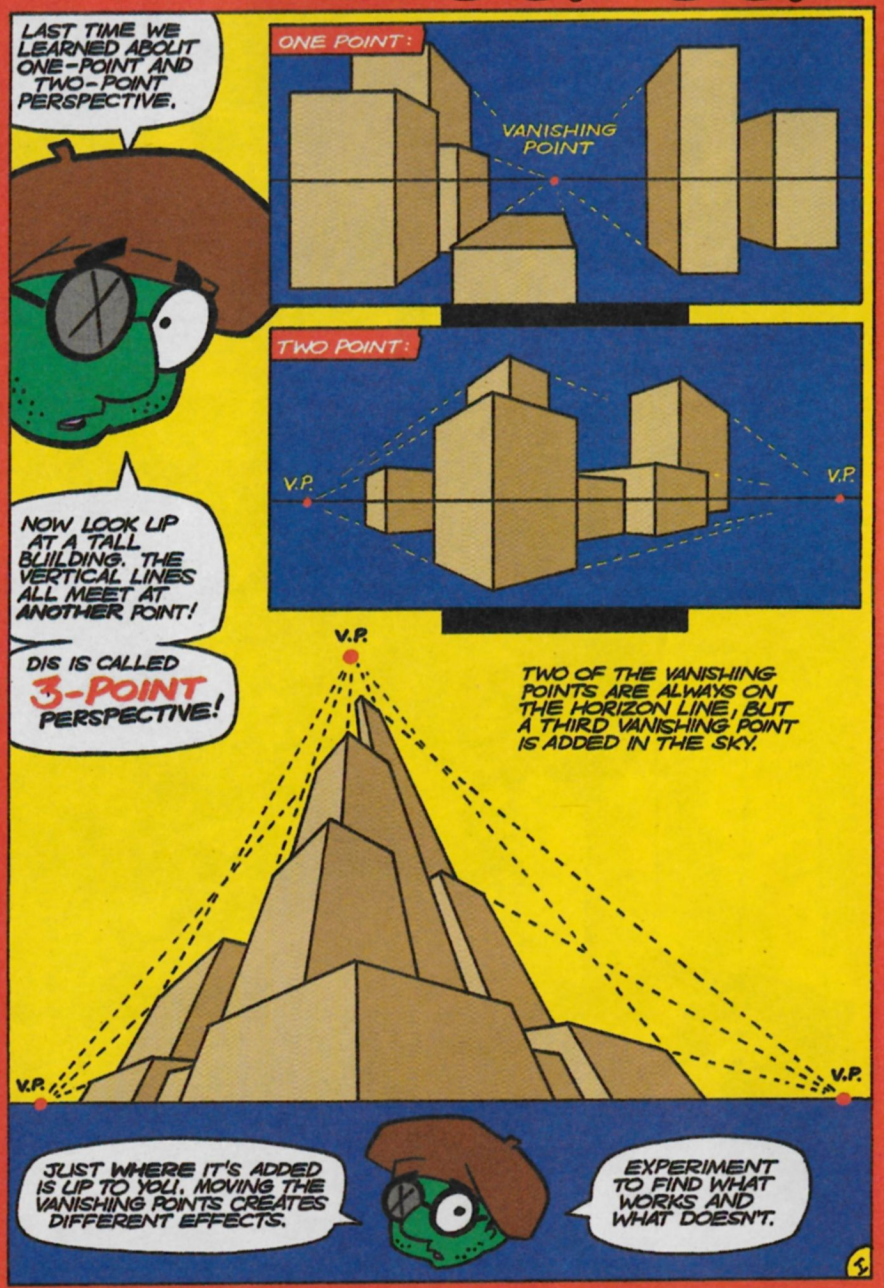
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VANISHING POINT
TWO POINT:
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V.P.
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DIS IS CALLED 3-POINT PERSPECTIVE!
V.P.
TWO OF THE VANISHING POINTS ARE ALWAYS ON THE HORIZON LINE, BUT A THIRD VANISHING POINT IS ADDED IN THE SKY.
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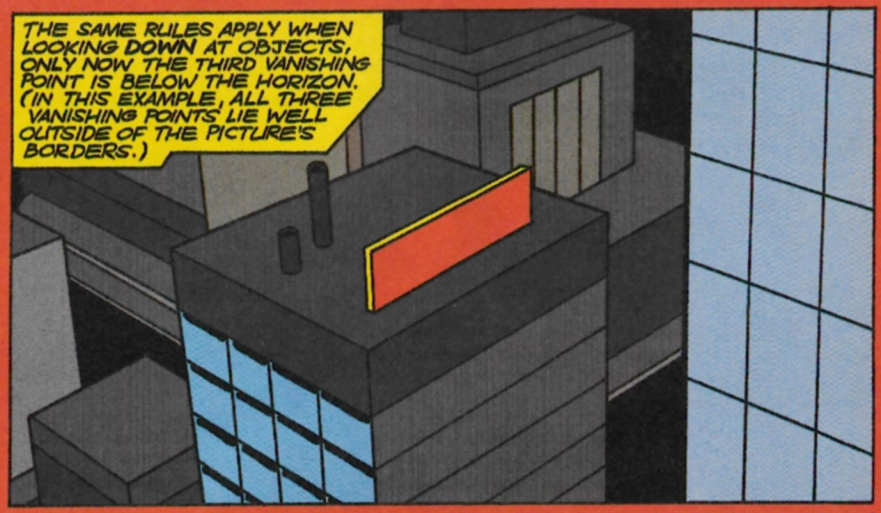
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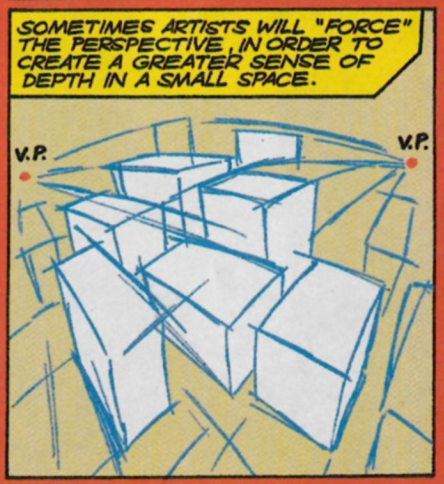

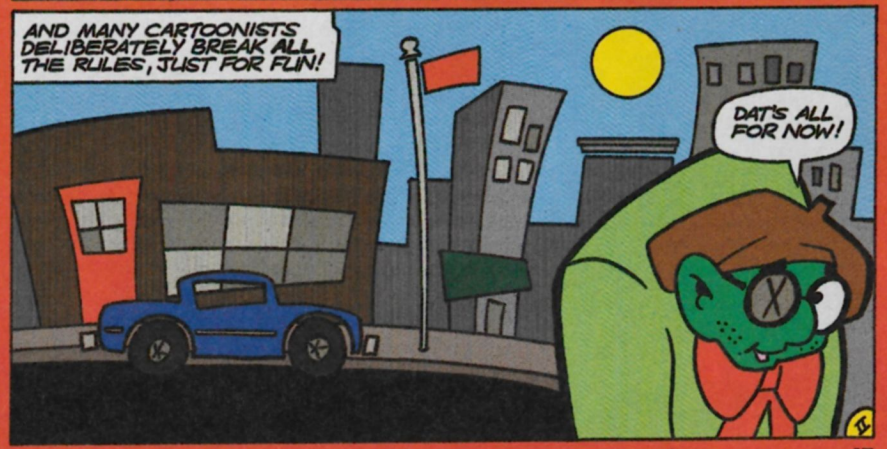

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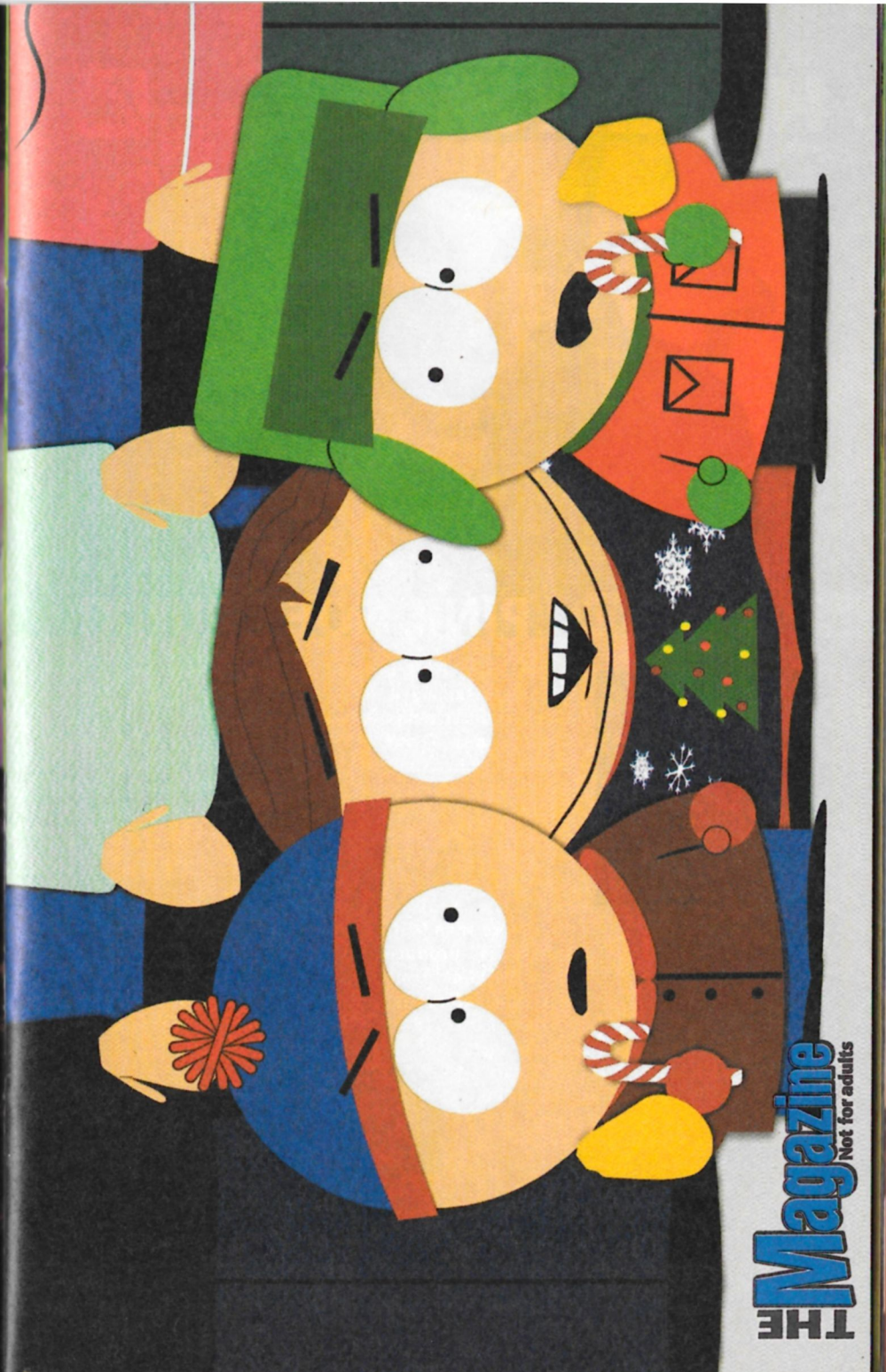
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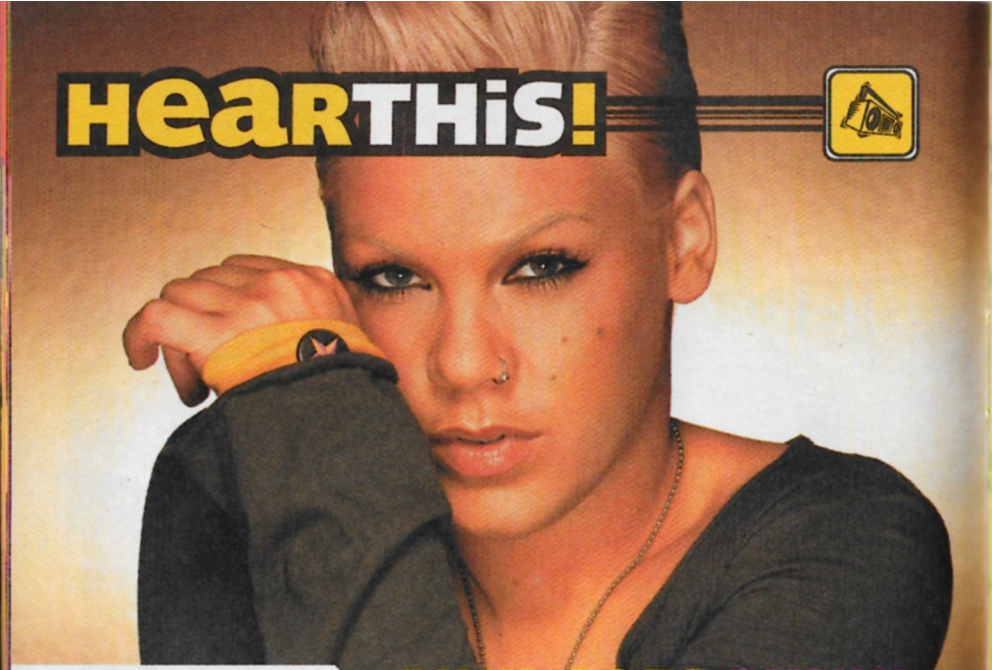


CD OF THE MONTH

PINK GOES PUNK!

PINK
TRY THIS
BMG

When Pink first hit the mainstream music scene with her 2000 major label debut CAN'T TAKE ME HOME, she was a cookie-cutter female R&B artist. A year later she released her multi-platinum 2001's MIZUNDERSTOOD, where she dabbled in rock, but still had pop and R&B elements. Now with her third effort, TRY THIS, Pink is a rock 'n roll chick in total control! Returning is longtime producer/song writer and former "Four Non Blonds"member, Linda Perry. On the Perry produced "Catch Me While I'm Sleeping," Pink sings in a vulnerable vocal, something you won't hear much of on the album. Reason being that more than half of the album is produced by Rancid's, Tim Armstrong. His punk influence is felt throughout TRY THIS, along with appearances by Travis Barker of Blink-182. Pink continues to genre-hop throughout the album as she has been known to do before. NFA favourites: "Trouble," "Feel Good Time", "Catch Me While I'm Sleeping", "Unwind", "Oh My God" and "Last To Know."

PINK'S BIG 3

THERE YOU GO (CAN'T TAKE ME HOME, 2000)
The video to "There You Go" is the perfect pick for Pink's first single to introduce the world to the talented young artist.

YOU MAKE ME SICK (CAN'T TAKE ME HOME, 2000)
Also off her debut album "You Make Me Sick" continued the empowering spirit of Pink that we love so much.

GET THE PARTY STARTED (MIZUNDERSTOOD, 2001)
The video played on MuchMusic literally every hour on the hour and the radio stations got on the Pink conga line too, heck we all did! This song really did get the party started for Pink.

PUNK/ROCK

MXPX
BEFORE EVERYTHING & AFTER
UNIVERSAL

Although BEFORE EVERYTHING & AFTER is quite different from past MXPX work fans and new comers will be pleased with this album. On this new album the Washington trio experimented with new sounds (album opener, "Play it Loud") and new producers (Dave Jerden-The Offspring, Jane's Addiction) which resulted into being their best work to date. Stand out's include, the first single and from the Diet Pepsi spot "Well-Adjusted", the ballad "Don't Walk Away" and the very catchy "On the Outs."

IF YOU LIKE THIS, TRY:
PENNYWISE
FROM THE ASHES
EPITAPH

BILLY TALENT
BILLY TALENT
ATLANTIC

The newcomers of the punk rock 'n roll phenomenon are Billy Talent. The foursome separate themselves from the tiring punk sounds that are dominating the airways with the release of their collection of refreshing and distinct sounding songs. Lead singer, Benjamin Kowalewicz's distinct vocals help him deliver his relatable stories of modern society on his band's 12 track debut. Stand out's include "Try Honesty", "The Ex" and "Living in the Shadows." The self-titled debut also includes enhanced material.

IF YOU LIKE THIS, TRY:
AFI
SING THE SORROW
DREAMWORKS/UNIVERSAL

THE STROKES
ROOM ON FIRE
RCA/BMG

Following their debut 2001's IS THIS IT?, The Strokes mark a natural growth but still stick to the formula on ROOM ON FIRE. There's not very much change heard on ROOM ON FIRE, besides the new-wave guitar sounds provided by Nick Valensi heard throughout the record, and this is a good thing. The sound that The Strokes created and introduced to fans in 2001 did them nothing but good and if it's not broke, don't fix it, right? Singer-songwriter, Julian Casablancas continues his effortlessly raw vocals on "Reptila", "12:51" and "You Talk Way Too Much." Overall a solid follow-up to their debut.

IF YOU LIKE THIS, TRY:
LIBERTINES
UP THE BRACKET
SANCTUARY

URBAN

BUBBA SPARXXX
DELIVERANCE
UNIVERSAL

"A lot y'all was thinkin' Bubba'd probably disappear," Bubba raps on "Hootnanny" where Justin Timberlake provides the hook. Well, yes and no. On DELIVERANCE, Bubba continues to work with one of hip-hop's finest beat makers, Timbaland and successfully displays his lyrical talent. At times Bubba's words are upstaged by the production but all in all this is a good album to add to the "Southern Rap Invasion" that has occurred over the year.

IF YOU LIKE THIS, TRY:
LUDACRIS
WORD OF MOUF
DEF JAM/UNIVERSAL

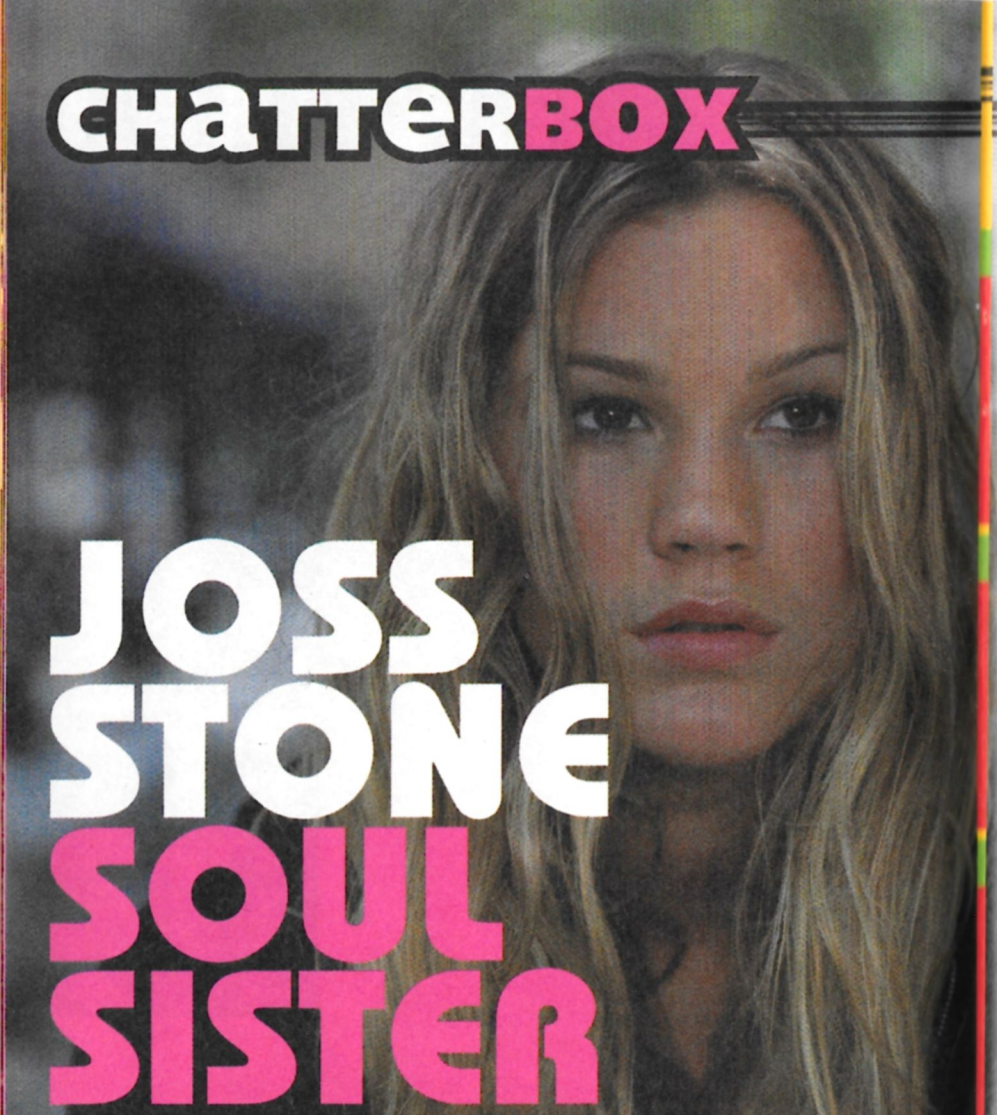
POP

MANDY MOORE
COVERAGE
SONY

Like the title suggests, Mandy Moore "covers" a collection of 70s and 80s rock songs on her latest, COVERAGE. These are previously released songs by artists who either are not household names or they are household names but their song never reached number one on the charts. Basically, there's going to be a lot of songs and artists on this album that won't ring a bell. Regardless, take the time to listen to songs by these artists who've paved the way to today's pop/rock artists like Mandy Moore. Moore's vocal maturity is showcased on Joni Mitchell's "Help Me", Elton John's "Mona Lisas and Mad Hatters", John Hiatt's "Have a Little Faith in Me" and Carly Simon's "Anticipation", to name just a few.

IF YOU LIKE THIS, TRY:
MICHELLE BRANCH
HOTEL PAPER
WARNER

NEXT MONTH:
Britney, Jay-Z, Missy E and Blink-182



JOSS STONE SOUL SISTER

At 16 years old, Joss Stone could be your best friend. She's bubbly, friendly, and has enjoyed the life of a normal teenager growing up in rural England. That is, until now. You see, when she was 14, her life took on a new direction. Gifted with an innate sense of musicality to make the audience actually feel what she is singing, Joss auditioned and was selected for the BBC TV talent show "Star for a Night". Since that night two years ago, she has signed a recording deal with S-Curve Records and released an album of covers with the "Joss-twist" — that is, the re-invention of classic Southern-style soul songs. Her album, "The Soul Sessions" is in stores now. Watch for her second CD to be released in 2004, containing some of Joss' original material!

Tell me Joss, how has your life changed since you auditioned for "Star for a Night"?
Um, I don't know, it hasn't really. [laughs] It's still the same, I'm still the same person. It's just that people talk about my singing a lot, and I have to do interviews and sing shows and stuff. But really, nothing else.

When you were fourteen and sent in your audition tape, did you have the desire to sing professionally?
To tell you the truth, I didn't. I was like, I always wanted to be a singer but I never took it seriously, I would just sing around the house. And then when I did this "Star for a Night" thing, it was just a random thing. I didn't really think of it like "I want to be a famous singer" or anything, I did it because it -- it was a random thing.

Would you share with me about how your upbringing in England may have been different than growing up in Canada?
I don't really know, I haven't really been up here. I think it's pretty much the same. Everywhere you go there's different people, like you go to New York and there's people that remind me of people back at home. There's people with the same ideas I have and with different ideas, and same ideas that my friends. I think everywhere you go there's different ways that people bring up people, and I was brought up the same as everyone else.

Did you have musical training?
No, not really.

Are your parents musical?
No. [laughs] No.

Do you write your own material or play any instruments?
I write songs, I write a lot of songs. On my album next year, it's all gonna be originals hopefully, so that will be cool. And I've written some with Betty Wright, so it'll be good.

On your debut album, what was it like as a newcomer to work with such established musicians?
It was kind of weird. It was weird, it was just -- it's hard to explain. It's just they're so good, and they're so professional, and they've been doing it all their lives. It's the first thing I did and it was weird for me being a teenager and, not having an experience whatsoever, to walk into a room of people that know exactly what they're doing. It was very daunting to me. But they're so much like everybody else is, they're just people. Really, really talented people.

Which song do you most enjoy to perform off your album?
One called "Foolish Heart" or "I Had a Dream", because "I Had a Dream" are my favourite lyrics on the whole album.My mom grew up listening to that and she played it for me one day and it was like "Wow". The lyrics are just the best. So I told the producer that I wanted to do that one and he listened to it and had some ideas, so he made it sound how it does.

Which song stretched you the most artistically during the recording session?
I don't know. Um "Falling In Love With You" because when I first heard the original it was a live version of Carla Thomas singing it and I loved it. And when I demoed it, I didn't like it, I didn't like how I did it. So I was really worried about doing that, but when we recorded it for real, it turned out alright I thought.

What do you hope to accomplish with your music?
I just want people to get a chance to listen to it. Whether they like it or not is not really the thing. If somebody doesn't like my music, I don't want them to listen to it. I really don't, cause it's embarrassing. But at least give them the chance to not like it. I want everyone to have heard it and make their decisions on it.

What music is in your CD player right now?
India Arie I was listening to. It's soo cool, I love her album! She has got so much soul!

What artists have influenced your personal style?
I used to listen to Aretha Franklin a lot actually. Anita Baker, Whitney Houston, stuff like that. Also, Angie Stone, oh my gosh I love her, she's

great. Who else? I'm only saying women, let me think of some men. Um Marvin Gaye and Al Green. I'm going to switch gears a little bit.

What challenges have you overcome that have shaped you into who you are today?
Um, I don't know.

What obstacles?
The whole thing with race, people seem to think that it's a real big thing, but it's not a big thing. And I've had to accept that people have an issue with that, because where I live, there is no issue. They don't really notice. They're like, "Yes you're a good singer, so what?" Now I come to different places and they're like "Oh she's not black, she can't be singing that music" A lot of people have said to me, "You'll never get played on urban radio, you'll never get played on this or that." It just makes me want to do it even more, and I had to get over the fact that people think like that because I don't think like that. My family doesn't think like that, people where I live don't think like that, and it was real shock for me that people did, and it's sad that people do think like that. I've had to get over that and try to make a change, at least a little bit. I know I can't change the world with one little thing, but I'll try and change it a bit.

Which song of someone else's best describes your life right now?
Ohh um this one's hard! [laughs] Um I don't know. Oh! I thought I had one and then it went. This might take a while. I'm sorry to make you wait this long. Ok "Little Things" by India Arie.

If you could switch places with anyone in the world for one day, who would you choose?
Ok who would I choose? No one. I don't want to be anybody but me. I'm not saying I'm perfect and there are a lot of things that go on. There's a lot of obstacles that I have to climb over myself, but to tell you the truth, everybody has those. If I switched places with someone else, I'd just have different obstacles, different problems. It wouldn't be like I could switch places with that person and then my life would be perfect, because nobody's life is perfect. So, I'm gonna have to try with my life, and see how it goes with me.

If you could record with any artist, who would you choose?
Lauryn Hill, definitely.

If you could travel back in time, what era or time period would you go back to?
I would go back to the Fifties or Sixties because they had a very cool fashion sense and the music was pretty cool!

Looking ahead to the future, where do you see yourself in five years?
I want to have done something to help someone. I think that there's a lot of bad stuff that's going on in the world and I want to do something to help them. Even if it's like hands on, or if it's through my music to help people who are at a bad place in their life, that they could listen to my music and reflect on that. I try to think positive stuff, I try to anyway. I've got some sad songs on there becauase I mean, that's how you feel. It's gotta be real. Some people would say, "I want a Grammy or I want this award", but it's not really about awards. I mean, it would be cool, it's really nice but I don't really think my music is about getting awards. It's about getting people to feel the music. In the music industry there are many different opinions as to what makes an artist successful. How would you define success? To have sold a lot of albums, for people to listen to my music and to like it. For a lot of people to like my music, that would be success for me.

Who has been the most influential person in your life?
My Mom.

What advice do you have for young people pursuing careers in music?
You have to do what's in your heart because if you don't then you're going to mould yourself into somebody you're not, and it's downhill from there. So you need to be confident in yourself and remember that nobody can make you do anything you don't want to do.

Joss Stone, Thank You and Good Luck!

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Where. Are. They. Now?! **BY MISSA**

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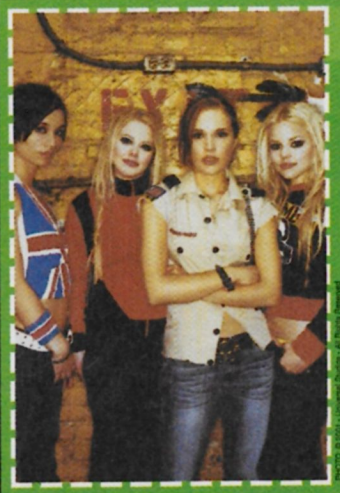


LILLIX

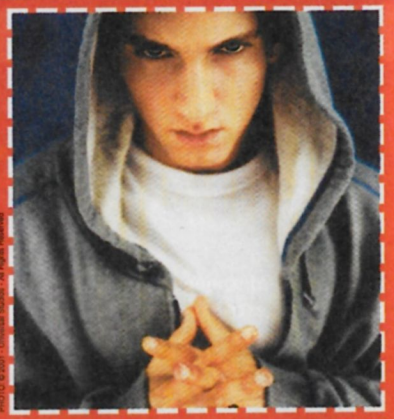
WHO? Canuck rockers Tasha-Ray Evin, Lacey-Lee Evin, Louise Burns and recent addition, Kim Urhahn.

UPS? Their first single "It's About Time" off their debut album, FALLING UPHILL. On top of that they've been featured in such magazines as Blender, Spin, Teen Vogue, Seventeen, Women in Rock and The Magazine Not for adults.

DOWNS? Being labelled as clones of Avril Lavigne.

WHAT'S NEXT? Lillix is currently on the GIRLZ GARAGE TOUR (from the creators of THE WARPED TOUR). Lillix will join The Peak Show, Brassy and The Start. The ladies will be stopping in the United States and Japan. What about Canada?!

EMINEM



WHO? His name is Eminem, Slim Shady and Marshall Mathers. He's the controversial rapper who has sold over 20 million albums, making him the top-selling rapper in history.

UPS? THE SLIM SHADY LP, THE MARSHALL MATHERS LP, THE EMINEM SHOW, starring in his first motion picture 8 MILE and winning an Oscar for Best Song "Lose Yourself." Since everything he seems to touch turns to gold we should start calling him Midas!

DOWNS? Somewhat of a magnet for controversy (but maybe he wants to be like that?)

WHAT'S NEXT? Just finishing up the music to the movie TUPAC: RESURRECTION , Em is currently in the studio working hard on his new album which will be out sometime in 2004. Be sure to check out his SHADY LTD. clothing line which has recently hit racks.

NELLY

WHO? Rapper from St. Louis known for his southern slang who entered the scene in 2000 with his Grammy award winning album COUNTRY GRAMMAR.

UPS? Nelly - COUNTRY GRAMMAR, Nelly - NELLYVILLE, his new record company-DERRTY ENTERTAINMENT, developing "4 Sho 4 Kids," Nelly's non-profit foundation that aids children with developmental disabilities and Nelly's foundation, "Jes Us 4 Jackie Foundation." Nelly's campaign is named after his sister Jackie, who is suffering from Leukemia and is depending on a bone-marrow transplant for survival.

Downs? Releasing the "Air Force Ones" music video that looked more like a Nike commercial than a hip-hop video. One good thing did come out of that song. Nike unveiled the "Air Derrty" shoe back in May having all proceeds from the limited edition shoe going to "4 Sho 4 Kids."

WHAT'S NEXT? He most recently released a re-mix album called, DA DERRTY VERSIONS (THE REINVENTION).

AMANDA BYNES

WHO? Funny young actress who made her name known as the host of Nickelodeon's THE AMANDA SHOW.

UPS? THE AMANDA SHOW, BIG FAT LIAR, WHAT A GIRL WANTS and WHAT I LIKE ABOUT YOU.

DOWNS? Being compared unfavourably to Hilary Duff.

WHAT'S NEXT? Amanda will be acting along side Ewan McGregor and Halle Berry in ROBOTS, expected for a spring 2005 release.

AVRIL LAVIGNE

WHO? The outspoken small town skater girl who shook up the bubble-gum pop music scene in the summer of 2002 with her single "Complicated" off her multi-platinum debut, LET GO.

LAST SIGHTING: MY WORLD DVD. It's Avril's first live concert DVD from her TRY TO SHUT ME UP TOUR. Not her last sighting, but probably the most memorable recent appearance, was the 2003 MMVA's where Avril arrived in a car (she had just gotten her driver's licence!)

DEFINING WAT NOW? MOMENT: The whole "I am a punk/I am not a punk" firestorm. Boy did that ever linger for a long time.

PROGNOSIS? Positive. She's currently in the studio recording her sophomore album which is expected for a late 2004 release.

SUGGESTION: Avoid labels. Eat more greens. Be nicer to your fans.

MISSING IN ACTION

BOOKY

MOLLY MOON'S INCREDIBLE BOOK OF HYPNOTISM

AUTHOR: GEORGIA BYNG
PUBLISHER: HARPERCOLLINS
REVIEWER: AGATHON FRIC
PAGES: 384

PLOT: Molly Moon is an orphan living at Hardwick House. Like an ugly duckling, she's an outcast and has taught herself to drift in and out of daydreams to escape the evil Miss Adderstone and kitchen cook, Edna. However, Molly's luck changes when she unwillingly stumbles across an old battered book of hypnotism in the local Briersville library. Tempted by the possibilities hidden beneath her mattress, Molly Moon stages an illness and skips school to read the book. Little does she know that this book will change the way she sees herself and the way others see her. Her first target becomes Miss Adderstone's sick pug dog, Petula. Once Petula enters Molly's trance, Molly makes plans to hypnotize the entire audience at the annual talent competition. She succeeds and wins the £3000 prize. Molly uses her gift to become a New York Broadway star in "Stars on Mars", but nothing can prepare her for what happens next. Petula gets kidnapped and Molly's blackmailed into executing one of the world's most genius bank robberies.

DAY READ OR FALL ASLEEP READ? Join Molly Moon on her mesmerizing adventures anytime of the day! The hearts of the orphans at Hardwick House will captivate you and leave you wanting more. Poor Gemma and Gerry... Word on the street is that author Georgia Byng has already signed to write a sequel to Miss Moon's hypnotic havoc.

WOULD A MOVIE VERSION WORK? Apparently it will. While Molly Moon's Incredible Book of Hypnotism is the kind of book you'd like to see on screen but know it's better off on paper, Harry Potter movie producer David Heyman has already bought the rights to make Molly a shining moon in theatres.

GET THIS BOOK OR SAVE A TREE? This story presents an interesting twist on an ancient artform that has been frowned upon with disbelief for many years. For that reason, buy this book and allow your mind to experience the "fusion feeling." You won't be disappointed that you did.

IF YOU LIKE THIS, TRY: HARRY POTTER AND THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE by J.K. Rowling (published by Bloomsbury, 300 pages)

IT TAKES TWO

AUTHOR: BERNICE THURMAN HUNTER
PUBLISHER: SCHOLASTIC
REVIEWER: TAYLAR REID
PAGES: 164

PLOT: Connie and Carrie, identical twins, were always the centre of love and attention. They've even managed to hit it off with two hotties from their school. They were living the high life when something unexpected happened. Their mother was expecting a fifth child. This meant no more free time for the twins. All they seem to be doing now is babysitting for what seems like an eternity. And to top it off, it looks like they're gonna need a new, larger house which means leaving their old house and friends behind.

DAY READ OR FALL ASLEEP READ? Probably more of a fall asleep read. It is interesting especially towards the end, but there is no real excitment or action parts that would keep you reading late into the night. You can fall asleep to it easily.

WOULD A MOVIE VERSION WORK? I personally don't think so. Some books are better left alone then try to be made into a movie. It's fine for a book but it just wouldn't work as a movie.

GET THIS BOOK OR SAVE A TREE? If you enjoy those action packed, on the edge of your seat books, you may want to save a tree. However, if you like one of those laid back, pick-it-up-and-put-it-down books, this one is definitely for you.

IF YOU LIKE THIS, TRY: JANEY'S CHOICE by Bernice Thurman Hunter (published by Scholastic, 198 pages)

GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS 2003

PUBLISHER: GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS LTD
REVIEWER: AGATHON FRIC
PAGES: 288

PLOT: It's the 2003 edition of the world's best-selling copyright book with hundreds of full-colour photos and thousands of records. Find out facts like who has the World's Biggest Feet, or how tiny was the Smallest Dog Ever. Here are a few of my favourites:

Most Valuable Christmas Card
The world's most valuable Christmas card was sold at auction in Devizes, Wiltshire, UK, on November 24 2001, for £22,000 ($28,000). It was bought by an anonymous bidder. Considered to be the world's first Christmas card, it measures 5 x 3 in (13 x 8 cm) and was hand-coloured by, London illustrator John Calcott Horsley. It was sent by Sir Henry Cole (UK) to his grandmother in 1843. Only 1,000 were lithographed and sold at one shilling each. Of the originals, only 12 still exist.

Largest Barbie Doll Collection
Tony Mattia (UK, above), has collected 1,125 Barbie dolls. This is about one half of all the Barbie models produced since 1959, including many versions of Barbie's boyfriend Ken. Tony changes the costume of every doll once a month.

Most Valuable Chocolate Bar
A 100-year-old, 4-in (10-cm-long) Cadbury chocolate bar that went on Captain Robert Scott's (UK) 1901-04 Antarctic expedition, was bought for £470 ($694) by an anonymous buyer at Christie's auction house, London, UK, on September 25 2001.

Largest TV Audience For A Reality Show
On August 24, 2000, in the United States, the final episode of CBS's Survivor program, about 51 million people, or 41% of America's viewing public, watched Richard Hatch (USA) win the $1-million (£660,000) prize money.

IF YOU LIKE THIS TRY: THE TOP 10 OF EVERYTHING 2003 by Russel Ash (published by DK, 256 pages)

MAXX COMEDY

AUTHOR: GORDON KORMAN
PUBLISHER: SCHOLASTIC CANADA
REVIEWER: STACEY HAMILTON
PAGES: 153

PLOT: Eleven-year-old Max Carmody has wanted to be a comedian for as long as he can remember. He spends his days telling jokes and trying to catch his big break. When he sees an ad that is searching for the Funniest Kid In America, he knows this could be his chance. He submits a video audition tape and is accepted as a finalist. Will Max Carmody become Maxx Comedy, the funniest kid in America? Or will he continue to be the average sixth grader?

IF YOU LIKE THIS TRY: Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing by Judy Blume (published by Yearling Books, 128 pages)

BEST DRESSED TEEN

AUTHOR: CHASE KOOPERSMITH
PUBLISHER: LINDA KOPPERSMITH
REVIEWER: STACEY HAMILTON
PAGES: 111

PLOT: This is a girl's guide to shopping. Thirteen-year-old Chase, with the help of some friends, has prepared a book of the trendiest clothes for girls aged 10 to 14. It includes clothing, shoes, and accessories, complete with brand names and prices. Chase also recommends her favourite stores and brand names and lends the reader some of her unique fashion ideas.

IF YOU LIKE THIS TRY: The Looks Book by Rebecca Odes. (published by Penguin, 160 pages)

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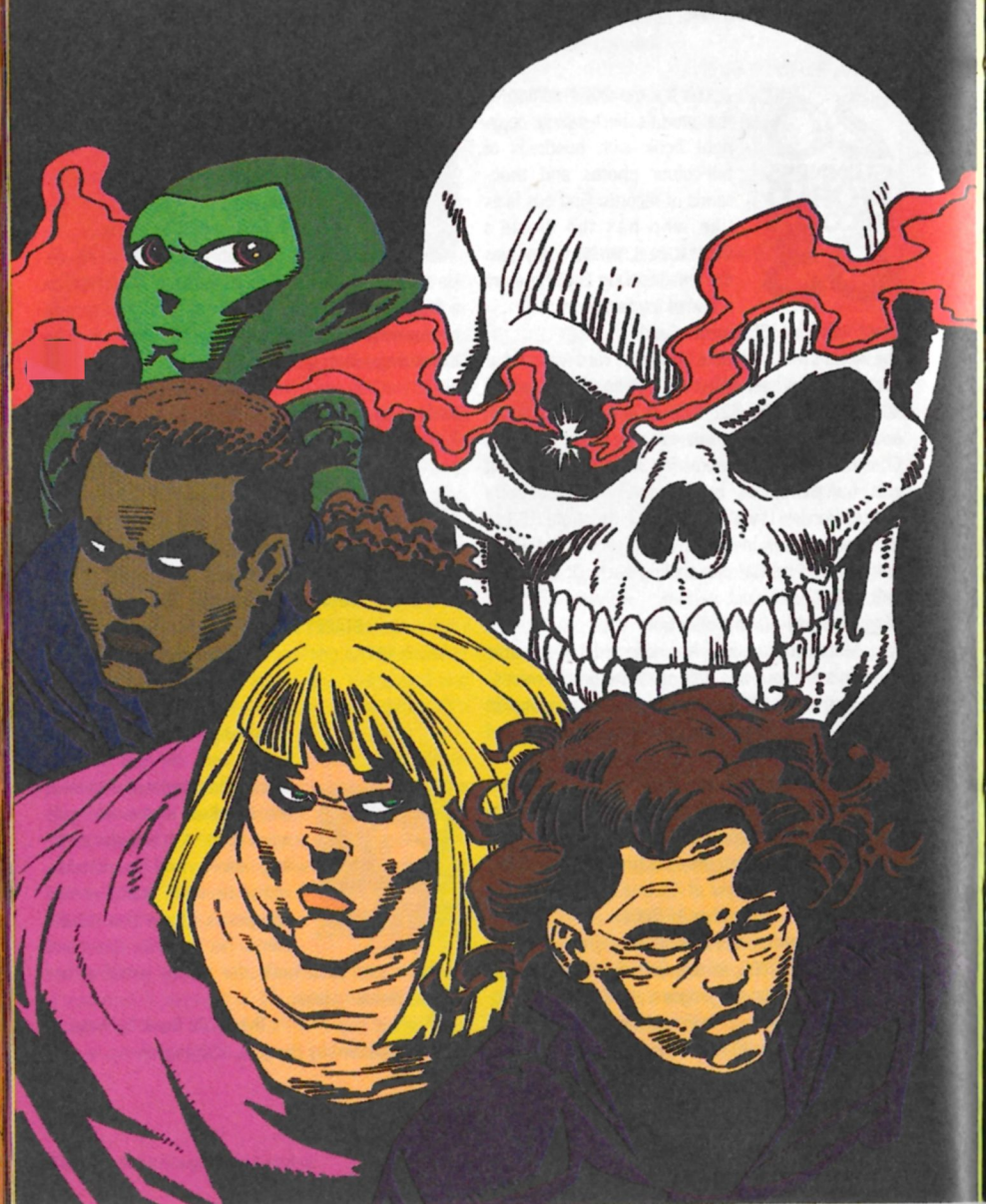

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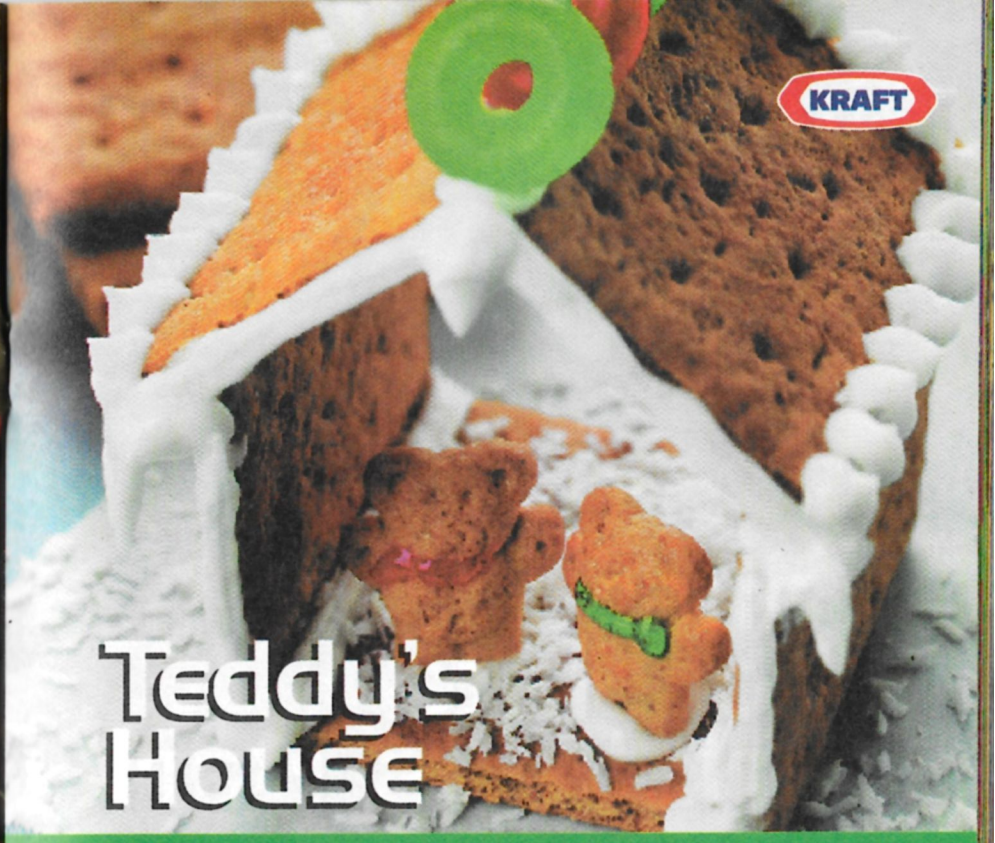


Teddy's House

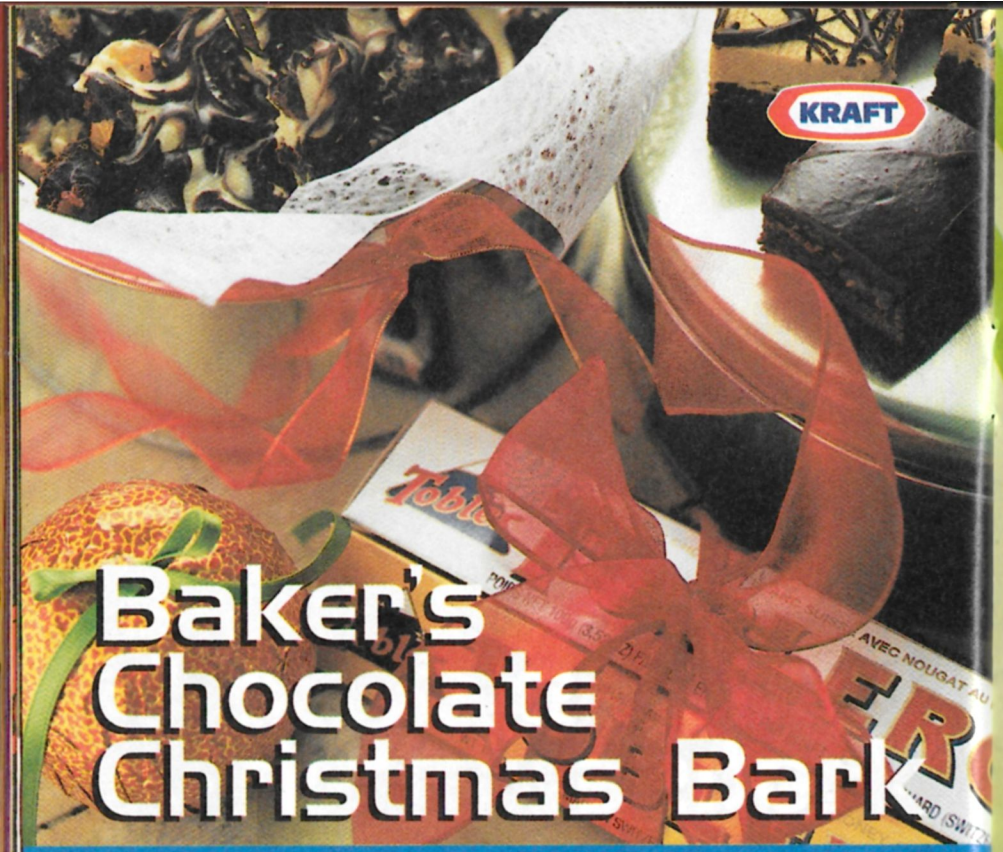
1. START with 5 *HoneyMaid Graham Wafers*; attach 2 wafers with Royal Icing to form roof; stand on edge on waxed paper.

2. ATTACH another 2 wafers to each side of roof as pictured for sides of house. Attach another wafer for floor; let dry. Stand house upright.

3. PIPE icing onto floor of house; sprinkle with coloured sugar. Stand one *Teddy Grahams* cookie in house; attach to floor with icing. Pipe icing at roof peak; attach *Life Savers* Candies over peak. Decorate roof with icing, let dry. To hang on tree, slip a piece of thin ribbon through house; tie into bow.

KRAFT Kitchens Tip:

ROYAL ICING:
Beat 3 Tbsp. meringue powder, 1/2 tsp. cream of tartar and 6 Tbsp. warm water with electric mixer on high speed until blended. Slowly add 2 cups powdered sugar on low speed until blended; beat on high speed about 5 minutes or until stiff peaks form. Cover icing at all times to prevent hardening. To store several hours or overnight, place plastic wrap directly on surface of icing; refrigerate. Before using, beat with mixer until stiff.



Baker's Chocolate Christmas Bark

1 pkg. (300 g) *Baker's Semi-Sweet Chocolate* squares, cut into small pieces

1 pkg. (170 g) *Baker's White Chocolate*, cut into small pieces

1 cup whole toasted almonds

1. PARTIALLY melt each chocolate separately over hot water. Remove from heat and stir until melted and smooth.

2. STIR in half the almonds into each bowl of chocolate.

3. DROP spoonfuls of chocolate, alternating white and semi-sweet on a waxed paper lined baking sheet.

4. USING the end of a knife, draw the dark and white chocolate together to form a marbled effect. Refrigerate until firm.

KRAFT Kitchens Tip:

Bark Variation:
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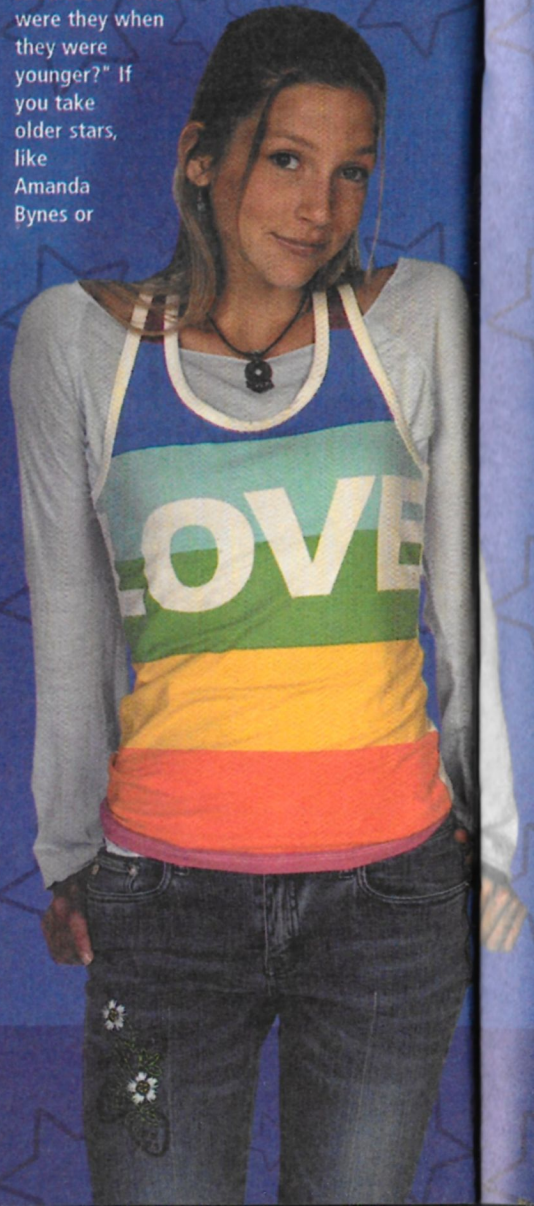
Hi THE MAG, this is Vanessa. We just got a subscription to your mag and it's really cool. My friends love CATCHY-22 but we don't know what it's about. Can you fill us in? Please put the "Drake" versus the "Morgan" tribe from SURVIVOR in COMBAT CORNER. Oh, and can you please put in some SUM 41? Rock on!

This is Cambel calling from Ontario. Hilary Duff and Michelle Branch rock! I just bought both of their cd's and they're awesome. I love THE MAG and SpongeBob too. It is so cool that you did a "Season One Overview," but I noticed a few mistakes. In episode two, the third show is called "Tea at the Treedome" not "Treehouse." And Patrick's last name is spelled S-T-A-R. Dalton McGuinty is a totally cool new Premier for us! Later!

Hi, this is Kelise from Burlington. I'm just calling to tell you that it's totally cool that you put DEGRASSI in your magazine. I go to a french immersion school and we had to watch DEGRASSI in french, but it was the old DEGRASSI. We also had to do DEGRASSI plays and I was Stephanie K. It was pretty cool, but it was in french and it was different. I went to go see you guys at WORD UP! I mean, WORD ON THE STREET, whatever! And it was cool! Okay, bye.

Hey, this is James from Brampton, Ontario. In your last issue in PHONE TAG someone by the name of Talia and Jessica said that "Coke with Lemon" came out before "Pepsi Twist." Actually I saw it. "Pepsi Twist" came out before "Coke with Lemon." Okay, bye.

Hi, this Brian from Toronto. I'm calling to say that since you have W.A.T. NOW? you should do "Where were they when they were younger?" If you take older stars, like Amanda Bynes or



something and write how she first got the WB contract. Or maybe you can do some more articles on younger stars like Hilary Duff, like you did a few issues ago. Teens and kids like myself can relate to the teen/kid pop stars a lot better. Thanks, bye.

Hi, this is Alyssa. I just want to say that you should stop the SpongeBob feuding. Some people like it, some people don't like it. It's no big deal so I'd like for people to stop talking about it. Who cares if you hate or like SpongeBob?! I'd also like to say that Hilary Duff rocks! Bye.

Just wanted to let you know for your FAMILY GUY contest, it's "Griffin" not "Griffiths."

Hi magazine this is John from Toronto, Ontario. I just wanted to point out that I really like COMBAT CORNER. I think it would be very cool if it was SIMPSONS versus FAMILY GUY. I heard that they're really good shows and everyone at my school is always arguing which one's better. I'd also like to point out that THE MAGAZINE rocks hard! See ya!

NFA SAYS: We love COMBAT CORNER too! Next issue: Pepsi versus Coke.

Hey! This is Nick from Oakville. I just wanted to point out that you made a HUGE mistake on your October 2003 calender. You said that SCARY MOVIE 3 came out on Friday the 2nd but it actually came out on Friday the 24th. White Stripes rock! Bye.

Hi, this is Carly from Ontario. How could you give THE FAMILY GUY a B in DVD CORNER?! That's impossible! FAMILY GUY is the best show ever! I'd also like to say that I love Good Charlotte and Simple Plan. I've had a subscription for one year and I can't believe I got so much for the price that I paid. Thanks, bye.

I just wanted to say that there's a BIG rumour going around that Blink-182 is putting out a CD with four disc's coming out January 2004. There's something to put in your RUMOUR MILL.

Hello. I just wanted to say your magazine is okay, I guess. I like reading it but it lacks things that I really like. Like Anime, YU-GI-OH and stuff like that. Basically I don't like the popular stuff. I like Japanese stuff. You should have more diversity besides Hilary Duff, Avril Lavigne. More than that American TV stuff. Okay, bye.

Hello, I'm calling from Toronto. I just like to say that "Missa's Top 10 Scariest Artists" was fabulously written. I think that it is completely true. For the record, Michael Jackson at number 3 is perfect! I love the part where she wrote "make sure you check that candy." Well, thank-you. I'm a big fan and I hope you liked listening to me.

Hi, it's Shawn! I was wondering why in THE MAG there's only one comic a month? In the June issue when Nikki and that Candy Cook girl battled in the parking lot and they found out that Catchy two-two was a game, that comic is boring man. I also think that you should put in more articles, surveys and talking columns. I think VOCALS and PHONE TAG should be one full column because it's like the same thing. That way you have more space in THE MAG to write things. Thanks for listening. One more thing... UNDERGRADS rule! Thanks.

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GREAT GIFT GRABS

Having a tough time picking the perfect gift for someone?

< < < LORD OF THE RINGS - TRIVIA GAME

WHAT IS IT? In the LORD OF THE RINGS Trivia board game, each player (or team) takes on the role of Frodo Baggins and seeks to destroy the One Ring by throwing it into the fires of Mount Doom. As the players travel through 14 areas of Middle-Earth they must spend precious resources and answer challenging questions.

WHO MAKES IT? Fantasy Flight
HOW MUCH? $44.95 USD
WHERE TO BUY?
www.fantasyflightgames.com
(Check your local game retailer first for a better price!)
NFA SAYS: And in the darkness, bind them.

BABBLING SPONGEBOB > > >

WHAT IS IT? A soft, squishy, loveable SpongeBob that says things like "Jellyfishing, jellyfishing, jelly-fishing," "Yahhhhoooo!" and sings "Oooooohhhhh, who lives in a pineapple under the sea?" with a squeeze of the hand! Our favourite underwater sponge will also babble when you wiggle his lips!

WHO MAKES IT? Mattel
HOW MUCH? $29.99 CAD
WHERE TO BUY?
Toys R Us
NFA SAYS: Squeezing his nose while he's in mid-sentence will get any party started.

< < < RALPH PLUSH

WHAT IS IT? Ralph Wiggum.... the plush!! This 12-inch medium sized plush also comes with a Simpsons collectable key chain.
WHO MAKES IT? Applause
HOW MUCH? Appx. $24.99 CAD

WHERE TO BUY? Mrs. Tiggy Winkles (Ottawa, On,) Cinema 1 Stores, Silver Snail (Toronto, On,) It Store.
NFA SAYS:
"Me fail English? That's unpossible".

< < < THE DOG MONOPOLY

WHAT IS IT? Monopoly plays ruff, and celebrates "Man's Best Friend" in this special edition of THE DOG Monopoly game. A portion of the proceeds from this purchase will benefit Canine Companions for Independence - the oldest and largest non-profit provider of assistance dogs for people with disabilities.
WHO MAKES IT? Usopoly
HOW MUCH? $35.95 USD
WHERE TO BUY? www.usopoly.com
NFA SAYS: Play as a Golden Retriever, a food dish, a dog house, a Pug, a dog bone and a fire hydrant!

FELIX THE CAT FIGURINE

WHAT IS IT? Felix the cat with his magic bag! He's standing in a classic pose from his tv days in the 1960's.
WHO MAKES IT? Dark Horse
HOW MUCH? $16.99
WHERE TO BUY?
NFA SAYS: Hey Felix, what's happening?

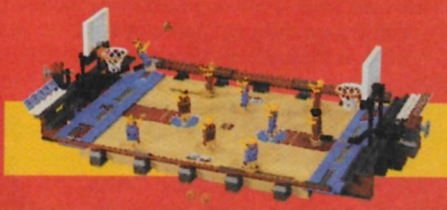
< < < MINI RC HUMMERS

WHAT IS IT? Fully-function mini remote control Hummers complete with high speed motors, 45-second "insta-charge" and up to a 50 foot range!
WHO MAKES IT? NKOK
HOW MUCH? $19.95
WHERE TO BUY? http://www.great-web-promos.com/mini-hummer.html
NFA SAYS: Use it to tow your RC mini-boat!

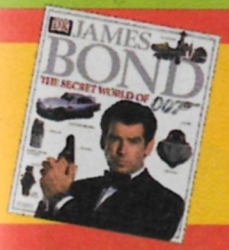
LEGO NBA CHALLENGE > > >

WHAT IS IT? Mini-figures with a new design that lets them pass and shoot like the pros! Each set comes with five players for each team and three basketballs. There are 441 pieces in all.
WHO MAKES IT? LEGO
HOW MUCH? $69.99 CAD
WHERE TO BUY? Toys R Us

NFA SAYS: It's on.



< < < JAMES BOND: THE SECRET WORLD OF 007



WHAT IS IT? A book that takes readers through the life and career of the world's most famous secret agent! Spoiler Alert: This book contains detailed illustrations and photographs which reveal how some of Bond's favourite vehicles and gadgets work!
WHO MAKES IT? DK
HOW MUCH? $29.99
WHERE TO BUY? Any major book retailer
NFA SAYS: Dr. No says yes.

GREAT GIFT GRABS

< < < DELUXE HUMBLE BUMBLE

WHAT IS IT? Figurines of the Abominable Snow Man and Yukon Cornelius from the movie "Rudolph & The Island of Misfit Toys," which airs a zillion times over the holidays!! Humble Bumble features six points of articulation and includes a removable leash.
WHO MAKES IT? Playing Mantis
HOW MUCH? $12.99 USD
WHERE TO BUY? Item #: PY6722 @ www.entertainmentearth.com
NFA SAYS: YAY Reindeers!

NBX 2003 SANTA JACK BOBBLER > > >

WHAT IS IT? To celebrate the 10th anniversary of THE NIGHTMARE BEFORE CHRISTMAS, this 8 inch hand-painted bobble head makes a cool addition to the ultimate NBX collection.
WHO MAKES IT? NECA
HOW MUCH? $19.99 USD
WHERE TO BUY? Item Number: NC32241 @ www.entertainmentearth.com
NFA SAYS: Brilliant, yes...but scary...

Return Of The King Series 3 > > >

WHAT IS IT? 6-inch action figures for the final film in THE LORD OF THE RINGS Trilogy!! Entertainment Earth is offering each series as a set of figures with NO DUPLICATES! This set of 5 individually packaged action figures includes: Eowyn with Sword-Slashing action, Talking Smeagol ("Nice Hobbits! Good Smeagol!"), Prologue Bilbo with Sting-Slashing action, Treebeard (9.5 inch) with Branch-Lifting action, and Talking Gollum with electronic sound base (" My Precious").

WHO MAKES IT? Toy Biz
HOW MUCH? $59.99
WHERE TO BUY?
Item Number: TB81140A @ www.entertainmentearth.com
NFA SAYS: Treebeard's mustache moving is mesmerizing!

RUDE TUDE TAZ > > >

WHAT IS IT? 9-inch plush of everyone's favourite Tazmanian devil, Taz. He evensings "Twinkle, Twinkle. Little Star" for you!
WHO MAKES IT? The Cartoon Network.
HOW MUCH? $24.99 USD
WHERE TO BUY? www.cartoonnetwork.com
NFA SAYS: Crude rude tude Taz in the house!

< < < X-Mas Story Ralphie Bobbler

WHAT IS IT? From the classic Canadian Christmas movie A CHRISTMAS STORY. "You'll shoot your eye out!" Ralphie the bobble head stands 8 inches tall and is hand painted.
WHO MAKES IT? NECA
HOW MUCH? $12.99 USD
WHERE TO BUY? Item Number: NC40005 @ www.entertainmentearth.com
NFA SAYS: Just don't make him lick the poll.

DVD BOXSETS > > >

WHAT IS IT? THE ADVENTURES OF INDIANA JONES (4 discs) collects all of Indy's movies and has a bonus disc of extras; JURASSIC PARK TRILOGY (4 discs) is Dinosaur carnage on an epic scale; BACK TO THE FUTURE - THE COMPLETE TRILOGY (3 discs) is a must-own for fans of Michael J. Fox, time-travel and the 1980s; THE JAMES BOND COLLECTION (7 discs) spans three decades of Bond business, featuring some of the best 007 movies from Sean Connery, Roger Moore, Timothy Dalton, and Pierce Brosnan.

WHO MAKES THEM? Paramount Home Entertainment, Universal Home Entertainment, MGM Home Entertainment.
HOW MUCH? $40 and up
WHERE TO BUY? HMV, Sunrise, The Future Shop, etc.
NFA SAYS: Ultimate collections for action movie fanatics.

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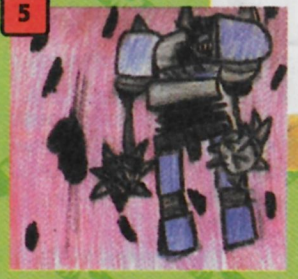

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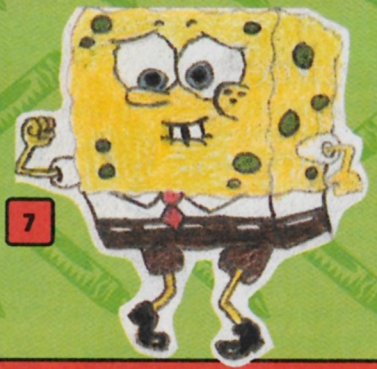

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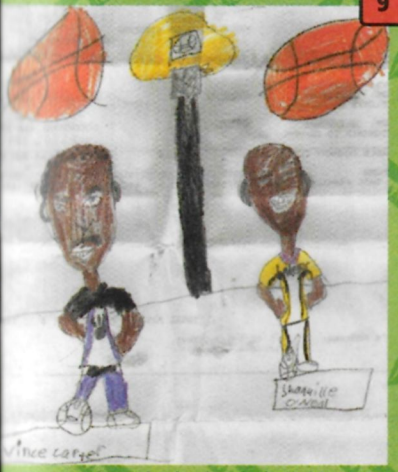

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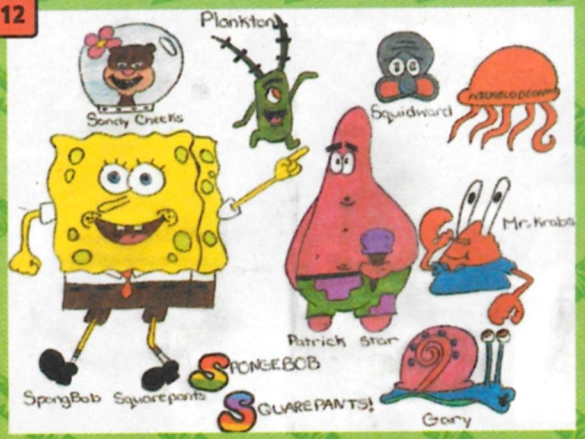

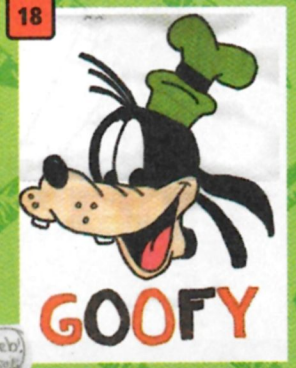

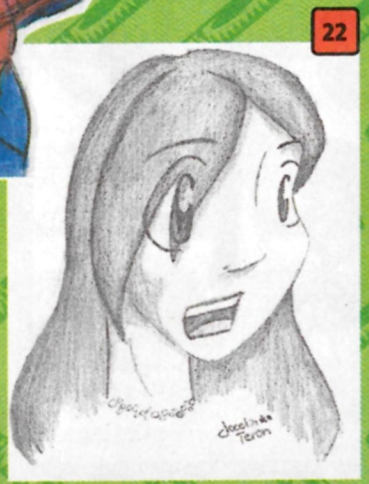

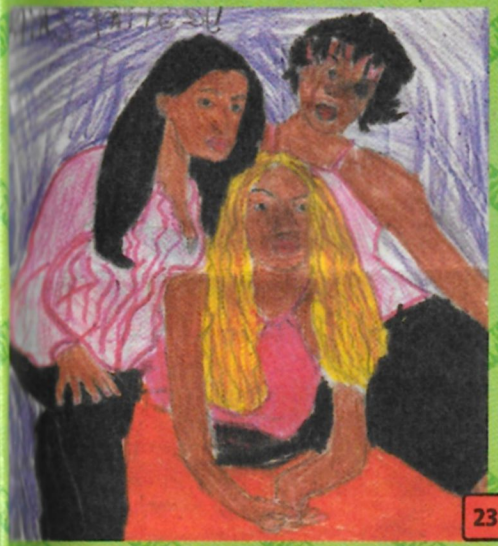

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DVD CORNER

DVD OF THE MONTH #1

BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER: THE COMPLETE 5TH SEASON

(Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment, 999 minutes)

THE SKETCH? The last truly great season of BUFFY begins with two oddities: Dracula and the sudden appearance of Buffy's sister Dawn (who she didn't know she had). From there the season blossoms into perhaps the greatest since the Buffy/Angelus arc in Season 2. Old characters leave (Riley, Joyce), while new characters arrive and the whole show climaxes with a brilliant two-hour epic "The Gift", which was made in such a way that it could have been the last episode ever.

HIGHLIGHTS? Season 5's big bad, Glory, was the best of them all. Big props also to Michelle Trachtenberg as Dawn, who was given a real hard time by fans but did an amazing job nonetheless. Classic episodes include "The Replacement" in which we see two Xanders; "Listening to Fear" in which the Scoobies battle an outer space being for the first and last time in the history of the series, and the already mentioned "The Gift", which is ranked amongst the finest episodes of television ever produced.

LOWLIGHTS? No cast commentaries! A Sarah Michelle Gellar commentary on "The Gift" would have elevated this set to DVD of the year.

VERDICT? Buffy fans have been spoiled this year with the release of Seasons 3, 4, and now 5. While all are equally brilliant, Season 5 is quite simply the bomb. A+

WIN BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER: THE COMPLETE 5TH SEASON DVD!

THE VAMPIRE POETRY CONTEST!

The kind folks at Twentieth Century Fox have given us TEN copies of BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER: THE COMPLETE 5TH SEASON on DVD to give away! For your chance to win, write us a poem in 30 words or less about Buffy. It can be a limerick, a sonnet, Haiku, or even a ballad. Include your name, age, and complete address on your entry.

DETAILS:

Contest closes January 31st, 2004. Must be 18 years old or under to enter. Judges will look for creativity and originality! Winners consent to the use of their name/city in a winners list. Send to:
THE VAMPIRE POETRY CONTEST!
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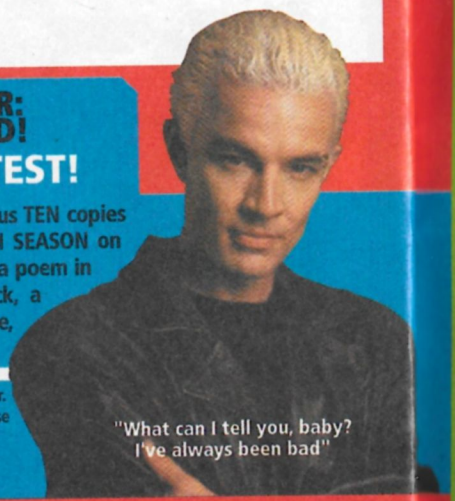
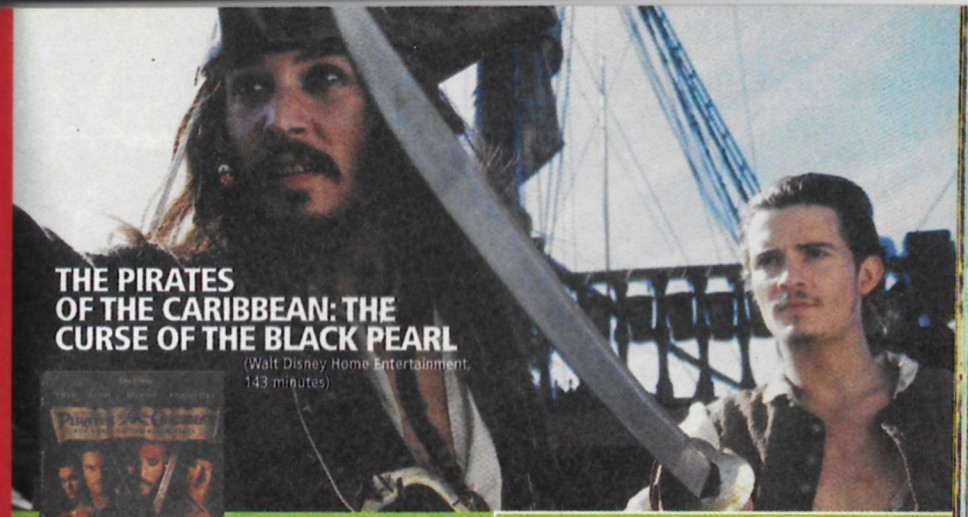


"What can I tell you, baby? I've always been bad"



THE PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: THE CURSE OF THE BLACK PEARL

(Walt Disney Home Entertainment, 143 minutes)

Best ever movie based on a Disney theme park ride added bronze to the reputation of Orlando Bloom and brought Johnny Depp back into the forefront of pin-up culture (he had been M.I.A since the 80s!). Keira Knightly is also amazing in this rollicking pirate adventure which defied expectations and became a huge summer hit. Although we dearly love Survivor Pearl Island's resident Pirate and Hagrid look-a-like Rupert Boneham, Depp and Bloom truly own the high seas. Highly recommended. A+

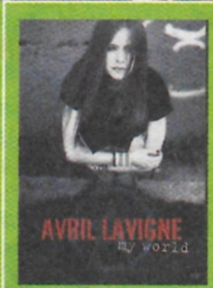
IF YOU LIKE THIS TRY:
THE LORD OF THE RINGS: THE TWO TOWERS
(Alliance Atlantis Home Entertainment)

YOUNG SHERLOCK HOLMES

(Paramount Home Entertainment, 109 minutes)

HARRY POTTER director Chris Columbus made his directorial debut with this adventure which at times looks and feels like it could be a long lost blue print for our favourite Hogwarts characters. Young Sherlock Holmes and his even younger friend Watson must stop an occult secret society, and along the way encounter many mysterious figures who will re-appear later in their lives. The real mystery is why there were no sequels to this awesome movie. A+

IF YOU LIKE THIS TRY: HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS
(Warner Bros. Home Entertainment)



AVRIL: MY WORLD

(Arista/Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment, 107 minutes)

Essential for Avril fans, this has a complete concert (Buffalo, New York), all her music videos, a free CD with B-sides, live rarities, and bonus footage of Avril's backstage antics. The back of the DVD says "Go deeper into Avril's world and see and hear for yourself why Avril is real, rockin' and anything but ordinary". Straight forward enough, no? B+

IF YOU LIKE THIS TRY: MTV MUSIC VIDEO AWARDS: ROCK
(Paramount Home Entertainment)

FAIRYTALE: A TRUE STORY

(Paramount Home Entertainment, 97 minutes)

Based on the true story of two young British girls who claim they met fairies in their garden and managed to capture them on film! Were the photographs evidence of a supernatural phenomena or a very well planned hoax? This is an amazing movie that will astound even the most sceptical of viewers! A

IF YOU LIKE THIS TRY: HARRY POTTER AND THE PHILOSOPHER'S STONE
(Warner Bros. Home Entertainment)

DVD OF THE MONTH #2

THE LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENTLEMEN

(Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment, 110 minutes)

THE SKETCH? Famous characters from classic books (Allan Quatermain, Dr. Jeckyll/Mr. Hyde, Captain Nemo, Mina from DRACULA, Tom Sawyer, etc) are enlisted into the "league" to help stop the maniacal "Fantom" from starting a World War in 1899. This much mocked summer flop is actually a whole lot better than some of the garbage put out this year, so its anyone's guess why it failed to generate interest.

HIGHLIGHTS? Sean Connery manages to steal the show from the much younger actors, and the set design is amazing (no wonder, it was done by Toronto native Carol Spier!).

LOWLIGHTS? Some of the computer generated effects look very poor, but this is perhaps because the production was rushed to get into theatres for the summer. Shame, because with a bit more time this could have been a really great movie.

VERDICT? It's always sad when a movie does not live up to it's potential. LXG had so many elements working in it's favour, but it didn't click. Still, this is recommended, as it makes for great holiday viewing. B-

WIN THE LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENTLEMEN ON DVD! BOOK THE LXG CONTEST!

The kind folks at Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment have given us TEN copies of THE LEAGUE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENTLEMEN on DVD to give away! For your chance to win, write down the name of at least five books that include characters from LXG. Include your name, age and complete address on your entry.

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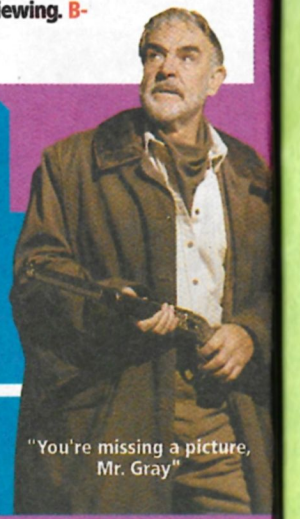


"You're missing a picture, Mr. Gray"

LIZZIE MCGUIRE: GROWING UP LIZZIE /FASHIONABLY LIZZIE

(Buena Vista Home Entertainment, 2-discs, 87 minutes each)

GROWING UP LIZZIE features four episodes of the now cancelled LIZZIE MCGUIRE SHOW: "Misadventures in Babysitting", "Between a Rock and a Hard Bra", "Rated Argh", and "Party Over Here". These are all very good episodes, but we hope they eventually release them all in box sets! FASHIONABLY LIZZIE features "Last Year's Model" "Best Dressed For Much Less", "Just Like Lizzie", and "Just One of the Guys". Strangely, no Frankie Muniz or Aaron Carter episodes. What gives? Still, essential for Lizzie fans! A-

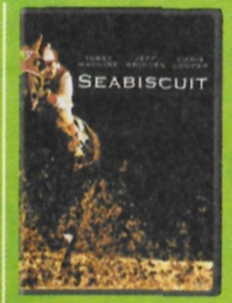
IF YOU LIKE THIS TRY:
THE LIZZIE MCGUIRE MOVIE
(Buena Vista Home Entertainment)

FREAKY FRIDAY

(Walt Disney Home Entertainment, 97 minutes)

Lindsay Lohen and Jamie Lee Curtis switch places in this remake of an older Disney classic. What looked terrible in the commercials is actually a great movie (it even made our Top 10 list!). In a lot of ways this movie makes you think about what would happen if you suddenly became your Mom or your Dad. Could you imagine the terror! Well worth owning or renting on DVD. A

IF YOU LIKE THIS TRY: THE PARENT TRAP
(Walt Disney Home Entertainment)



SEABISCUIT

(Universal Home Entertainment, 141 minutes)

This is the uplifting story of an underdog jockey and his horse Seabiscuit, based on real life events. Usually movies like this are released in theatres in the Fall/Winter, but SEABISCUIT was a nice antidote to mindless summer action movies and the DVD will make a wonderful stocking stuffer for anyone who has a soft spot for horses. Spider-Man Tobey McGuire is in top form, and the supporting cast of Jeff Bridges and William Macy round out the excellent performances. Highly recommended. A

IF YOU LIKE THIS TRY: FINDING NEMO
(Walt Disney Home Entertainment)

SINBAD: LEGEND OF THE SEVEN SEAS

(DreamWorks Home Entertainment, 86 minutes)

Nicely animated re-telling of the Sinbad adventure stories with Brad Pitt lending his voice to Sinbad and Catherine Zeta-Jones as Marina. Full of novel extras like the Cyclops Island Game (where you can choose your favourite character and follow on as Sinbad battles monsters) and an exclusive level of the Sinbad PC game. Also, it's written by John "GLADIATOR" Logan! B+

IF YOU LIKE THIS TRY: THE PRINCE OF EGYPT
(DreamWorks Home Entertainment)

DVD OF THE MONTH #3

BABE: THE COMPLETE ADVENTURE TWO MOVIE PIG PACK

(Universal Home Entertainment, 2-disc set)

THE SKETCH? In BABE, we meet a heroic little pig who is taken in by the kind farmer Mr. Hoggett. Soon Babe befriends the many animals living on the farm, including our favourite, Ferdinand the duck (who thinks he's a rooster) and it's not long before he is the most popular animal there. In BABE: PIG IN THE CITY, Babe must travel to the big bad city with Mrs. Hoggett to help raise enough money to save the farm.

HIGHLIGHTS? BABE was the movie which started the "talking animal" craze back in 1995 (it even won an Academy Award for it's special effects), and it's still the best. PIG IN THE CITY is a great sequel because instead of simply rehashing the first one, it tries to be different, and is much darker in tone.

LOWLIGHTS? Although BABE: PIG IN THE CITY is a great movie, it is a bit too scary and sad. It's also a shame that BABE 3 was never made

VERDICT? Both BABE movies are timeless classics that are guaranteed to turn any frown upside down. We actually know of someone who has watched BABE seventy-eight times, and still notices something new every time she watches it. Now that says classic. **A**

WIN BABE: THE COMPLETE ADVENTURE TWO MOVIE PIG PACK!

THE TALKING PIG CONTEST!

The kind folks at Universal Home Entertainment have give us TWO copies of BABE: THE COMPLETE ADVENTURE TWO MOVIE PIG PACK to give away. For your chance to win, send us a drawing of a pig saying why he wants BABE on DVD! Include your name, age and complete address on your drawing.

DETAILS:

Contest closes on January 31st, 2004. Must be 18 years old or under to enter. Judges will look for creativity and originality! Winners consent to the use of their name/city in a winners list. Send to THE TALKING PIG CONTEST, P.O. BOX 6, Station '0', Toronto, ONT, M4A 2M8.

BATTLESTAR GALACTICA: THE COMPLETE EPIC SERIES

(Universal Home Entertainment, 999 minutes)

Evil robots known as the Cylons pursue the last of the human race through the deepest reaches of space in this classic science-fiction TV series. Fans have waited years to finally see all the episodes of BATTLESTAR uncut. Universal is to be commended for a job done incredibly well! In addition to the remastered episodes and the extras, the whole set comes in a huge Cylon head! Best. Packaging. Ever. **A+**

IF YOU LIKE THIS TRY:
BATTLESTAR GALACTICA - THE FEATURE FILM (Universal Home Entertainment)

STAR TREK: DEEP SPACE NINE: THE COMPLETE 7TH SEASON

(Paramount Home Entertainment, 999 minutes)

Our favourite TREK series comes to an end with the release of the final 26 episodes. Most of the major storylines are resolved, but enough plot threads are left hanging incase a DS9 movie ever becomes a possibility. The final two-hour episode "What You Leave Behind" is both exhilarating and very depressing at the same time. Kudos to DS9 for ending on a dark note (it was the darkest TREK series of them all, after all). Next year Paramount will be releasing box sets of STAR TREK: VOYAGER, so all will be happy and fluffy once again. **A-**

IF YOU LIKE THIS TRY: STAR TREK VI: THE UNDISCOVERED COUNTRY (Paramount Home Entertainment)

DOCTOR WHO: THE TALONS OF WENG-CHIANG

(Warner Bros. Home Entertainment, 140 minutes)

Giant rats in the London sewer? Time-travelling war criminals wearing masks? Ventriloquist dolls with pig brains coming to life? This can mean only one thing: a new DOCTOR WHO DVD! Don't laugh, this British TV show ran for twenty-six years, and was always very popular in Canada. Weird, boring, and interesting all at the same time. **B**

IF YOU LIKE THIS TRY: DOCTOR WHO: THE STONES OF BLOOD
(Warner Bros. Home Entertainment)

DVD OF THE MONTH #4

THE DOCTOR SEUSS COLLECTION

(Universal Home Entertainment, 4-disc set)

THE SKETCH? Just in time for Mike Myers' live action try at playing the infamous Cat, Universal has wisely released a whole bunch of vintage Dr. Seuss animated movies, including THE CAT IN THE HAT, GREEN EGGS AND HAM AND OTHER FAVOURITES & GRINCH NIGHT, THE LORAX AND PONTIFFEL POCK & HIS MAGIC PIANO, and THE GRINCH GRINCHES THE CAT IN THE HAT & THE HOOBER-BLOOB HIGHWAY.

HIGHLIGHTS? Pretty much all of these discs are chock full of classics, and once again the DVD format makes them shine like they don't on TV. GREEN EGGS & HAM is an eternal classic (wonder why they haven't tried making this into a live action movie.... Jack Black as Sam-I-Am anyone?), and THE HOOBER-BLOOB HIGHWAY should be more famous than it is.

LOWLIGHTS? No extras.

VERDICT? Essential holiday purchases for fans of the great Doctor Seuss. No one before, or since, has had such a bizarre sense of humour and wonderment. **A**

WIN A DOCTOR SEUSS TIN BOX WITH 2 DVDS!
THE SEUSS ZOO CONTEST!

The kind folks at Universal Home Entertainment have give us TWO DR. SEUSS TIN BOXES each containing a copy of GREEN EGGS & HAM and THE GRINCH GRINCHES THE CAT IN THE HAT & THE HOOBER-BLOOB HIGHWAY. For your chance to win, draw us a picture of your favourite Dr. Seuss character. Include your name, age and complete address on your drawing.

DETAILS:

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OLIVE THE OTHER REINDEER

(Twentieth Century Fox Home Entertainment, 45 minutes)

Anything made by SIMPSONS creator Matt Groening gets high marks in our books, and this is no exception. Drew Barrymore provides the voice of Olive, a dog who thinks she is actually one of Santa's long lost reindeer. Pursued by an evil Postman (voiced by Homer himself, Dan Castellaneta!), Olive sets off on a quest with her friend Martini the penguin to help Santa and save Christmas. This is an awesome Christmas movie, if only Matt Groening made more of these! **A**

IF YOU LIKE THIS TRY: RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER
(Sony Music Video)

SECOND STAR TO THE LEFT

(MGM Home Entertainment, 29 minutes)

When a gift falls from Santa's sleigh and hits Archie the rabbit in the head, it's up to him and his friends Duke the guinea pig and Babs the hamster to get the present under the tree of the girl it belongs to before Christmas morning. The nice British made-for-TV special has all the ingredients of classic holiday viewing, so we say watch this on Christmas Eve and then go to bed! **B+**

IF YOU LIKE THIS TRY: A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS
(Paramount Home Entertainment)

IT'S A VERY MERRY MUPPET CHRISTMAS MOVIE

(MGM Home Entertainment, 88 minutes)

Whoopi Goldberg, William Macy, Carson Daly, Kelly Ripa and Matthew Lillard (Lillard!? As Kermit said, it ain't easy being green) assist the Muppets in saving their theatre which is in danger of being torn down. Nice to see the Muppets are still making movies, but it just isn't quite the same without the master Jim Henson. Still, a good effort. **B-**

IF YOU LIKE THIS TRY: THE MUPPETS TAKE MANHATTAN
(Columbia/Tri-Star Home Entertainment)

THE HOMECOMING: A CHRISTMAS STORY

(Paramount Home Entertainment, 98 minutes)

This holiday movie was the inspiration behind THE WALTONS, a weekly TV show about a rural American family who defied the odds and managed to stick it out through the 1933 depression. Usually descriptions like "heartwarming" and "fun for the whole family" get thrown around to describe this type of movie, but you won't find any here. This is grim and sad, but accurately portrays this weepy era in history. **B**

IF YOU LIKE THIS TRY: LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRAIRIE: THE COMPLETE 1ST SEASON
(Goldhil Home Media)

SCREAMGAL'S WORLD OF MYSTERY

BY KATHY MURRAY

Conjuring Philip

Do you believe in poltergeists. If so, which theory do you stick by. The first being that the activity is caused by a restless spirit. Or do you believe that the cause of the problem is all in the mind? Don't be surprised if you change your decision after reading Philip's tale.

The Owen Group

You'd be amazed at what some people will do in the name of science. Take for example the following. It's the early 1970s and the Toronto Society for Psychical Research (TSPR) decides to conduct an "experiment". Dr. A.R.G. Owen gathered a group of eight "ordinary" people. Ordinary meaning that up until that point none of them had ever had any kind of encounter with the beyond. The group consisted of Dr. Owen's wife, an accountant, a bookkeeper, a housewife, a former chairperson of MENSA (a high-IQ society), a sociology student and an industrial designer. The group was then dubbed the Owen Group. What was their purpose? What were they gathering to do? The Owen Group was out to create a ghost.

Creative Minds

The first step towards their goal was to give their "ghost" a name and a past. The group took their time writing a biography for the "man" that would be known as Philip Aylesford. Some of the biography follows. "Philip was an aristocratic Englishman, living in the middle 1600s. He had been a supporter of the King, and was a Catholic. He was married to a beautiful but cold and frigid wife, Dorothea, the daughter of a neighbouring nobleman." The biography goes on (in much detail) to say that Philip had an affair with a gypsy woman named Margo. When Dorothea found out, she accused Margo of witchcraft and after a trial, Margo was burned at the stake. Philip was so devastated that he killed himself. The group even had an artist draw a sketch of Philip, so when it came time to concentrate on him, the participants could envision him.

Break Out the Cameras

The attempt to make "contact" with Philip began in September 1972. They started their sessions by sitting around and discussing Philip and his life. The group would always be sure to film and audiotape their sessions. This went on for a year with absolutely no results. So they finally decided that a change in atmosphere was needed. The lights were dimmed and the group sang songs. You could say that they made the room more peaceful. It was the best move they could have made because they soon made contact with Philip. It started as a subtle rap on the table at which they were sitting. Soon thereafter, Philip would answer all their questions by rapping once on the table for yes, twice for no. Some of the participants even thought they heard their questions answered in the form of whispers. But Philip wasn't content with just small talk.

More of Philip's Shenanigans

Pretty soon he was sliding the table back and forth, from side to side. They would ask him to dim the lights and then turn them back on again which he always did. There was also a sudden temperature drop in the room whenever he was supposedly present. It was so cold on occasions that a frosty mist would form on the tabletop. The table also had an electric feel to it whenever Philip was around, and aside from just rocking the table from side to side, sometimes Philip would playfully slide the table clear across the room to "trap" one of the group members in a corner. The experiment came to a point where the group invited fifty or so people to witness the power of their fabricated ghost. Philip was his usual showoff self, playing his usual tricks, but this time he actually lifted the table clear off the ground.

So long Philip

The experiment was a success but Philip's time had come and gone. The group members moved on to other work, but that didn't stop the TSPR and other organizations from creating new ghosts. In fact, just recently a Australian group created a fourteen year old girl named Skippy Cartman who answered their questions not only by rapping sounds but by scratching sounds as well. It was known as "The Skippy Experiment". While most look at the Philip Experiment as a success, there are still so many unanswered questions. Are ghosts just a figment of our imagination? Or are they indeed the spirits of the long deceased? Sure, they created this being, but for all we know it could have just been a playful passerby poltergeist out to trick some eager mortals. Don't believe it? What you think of the Philip Experiment is up to you. And the Owen Group has no regrets. They only wish that Philip had actually materialized. But that doesn't mean that future "created ghosts" won't!

Up Next

Astral Projection? Men In Black? You'll see.

SCREAMGAL'S WORLD OF MYSTERY

Can You Hear Me Now?

Do you own a cell phone? If you answered yes, then you might be contributing to the sudden decrease in spirit activity. British occult expert Tony Cornell, of the Society for Psychical Research, believes that mobile phones are indeed "killing off" ghosts. Cornell recently told the Sunday Express newspaper that "ghost sightings have remained consistent for centuries. Until three years ago, we'd receive reports of two new ghosts every week (in Cambridge). But with the introduction of mobile phones fifteen years ago, ghost sightings began to decline to the point where now we are receiving none." He goes on to say that paranormal occurrences, which some believe to be generated by electrical activity, could be "drowned out by the electronic noise produced by phone calls and text messages." So the next time you dial home remember you're lessening the ghostly population.

Digital Haunting

Have you ever digitally manipulated a photograph? Someone in India did recently, but it turns out the police aren't laughing. It all started when a group of students from Bangalore set out to visit a picnic spot in the Pulianjolia hills. Fun was had on the trip, but upon returning home, one of the students noticed something otherworldly in one of his developed photographs. Who added it to the photo remains to be seen, but the sight was enough to drive the boy into a coma (no kidding!). That's because the photo showed him, standing and smiling, with a "ghost" right behind him! The "ghost" was legless with black flowing hair and empty eye sockets. Word got out, but not many people were able to tell that it was a computer-generated fake. So because of this, parents have been keeping their children indoors and away from the Pulianjolai hills (and school) so they will be safe from "the ghost that stalks young boys". Police are now working on educating the public on how a single image can be inserted into another image with a move of a mouse.

The Legend Continues

It was thirty six years ago when two men from Washington state captured the now famous film of what appeared to be none other than Bigfoot. They had been hunting for the creature in Del Norte, California. For quite some time now, Del Norte County has been the area with the most Bigfoot encounters. In fact, just recently there has been a surge in sightings. Not too long ago, Patty Rommel's twelve year old son Alex ran into the house and told her he had just seen the monster. Says Patty, "Before I knew it, my thirteen year old daughter, Sara, who is very stable and very intelligent, shot out of the house to see what he was looking at." Sara gazed through a pair of binoculars and saw the half man-half gorilla, "looking right at her", says Patty. Sara also saw another Bigfoot running down a hill and eventually out of sight. "When she came in, my daughter was trembling and couldn't really speak. She sat right down and started drawing a very vivid picture of what she saw, and it looked like a gorilla," Patty said.

The next morning, the Rommel family made their way to the scene of the sighting and found large footprints in the dirt. Later, a fifty-four year old man, while driving, came across a similar creature. "As I went to pull back onto the highway I heard the most horrifying scream I've ever heard and I screamed myself. I looked out and next to my Honda was a filthy looking gorilla and it instantly ran into the tree line." The next day, a different man, also in his car, caught a glimpse of the monster. "I got to about 50 yards and the thing stood up and my lights made a silhouette of what looked like a human," he said. The creature then ran off the road and hurled itself down a hill. "That is when the hair stood up on my neck, and I realized I just saw Bigfoot."

Something Creepy Is Going On

Many people have had encounters with the spirit world, but only a handful of them decide to speak out on the issue. Louisiana resident, Beth Stevens, is one of those who eagerly shares her story. It all started eleven years ago when she and her family moved into a new house, which was built between 1865 and 1875. "I actually saw two ghosts there," she says. "There was a woman standing in the doorway. She had on a long, white gown. Her left hand was on the door casing, and she was looking in another room. My daughter was a baby in that room. I don't know if the woman was looking over her. But she seemed to be a benevolent ghost, a nice ghost. She didn't bother me. After a while, you get to the point you don't pay attention." Hope Stevens, the baby who was actually two years old at the time, would later see the same ghost and come to call her "Nina". After some research, Beth discovered that one of the deceased in the cemetery by their house was named Nina Strickland. Something her daughter could not have known. Nina apparently died in the late 1800's, when she was just 28 years old. But that was only one of the ghosts in the Steven's house. Beth would also see a man with long hair and a long beard walking around the rooms and hallways. At night as well as in the day Beth would hear footsteps and other unexplained sounds. "During the summertime, at about 8:30 or 9 every night, I'd hear wicker furniture creak on the front porch. We didn't have wicker furniture". She would also hear a baby (not her own) crying and her husband's pillow would often be ripped out from underneath him. Occurrences like these are not uncommon throughout the world, but many choose not to talk about it, for fear that they would seem crazy to outsiders who don't understand.

SCARY FLICK OF THE MONTH:

Mars Attacks! (1996)

"Mars Attacks!" is a not an intelligent film by any means. But it's fun nonetheless. Directed by Tim Burton and starring countless big-name celebrities, Jack Nicholson, Pierce Brosnan and Natalie Portman to name a few. The movie is based on the comic books of the same name. When martians invade earth it's up to a handful of crazy characters to find a way to defeat them. Will they be able to save the planet? Or will the martians conquer all?

HIT LIST

DANIELLE DISHES

Hey everybody - how cool is this? Simple Plan was in Toronto recently to play a show and bowl with some of their lucky fans. Lucky for me they also had time to co-host The Hit List! They were crazy and so much fun! We had a great time, but let me warn you - they joke around a lot and some of what they say is not to be taken seriously!

SIMPLE PLAN

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DANIELLE AND THE BOYS FROM SIMPLE PLAN

Tell us how it all began.
Pierre: We were all training for the Olympics a while ago and I was the swimmer.
Sebastien: Asymmetrical Bars.
Jeff: Body Builder.
Pierre: We all failed and decided we might as well start a band.

How did you guys come up with the name Simple Plan?
Chuck: Well you know every band has to have a name.
Danielle: That's true.
Chuck: And that's honestly the best we could do.
Danielle: Because it's simple and you had a plan?
Chuck: Alright! We had this "Simple Plan" to not have to have a *crappy* job and to go around and travel and play shows.

How has life changed for you guys since the release of your debut CD?
Pierre: No more bad jobs!
Sebastien: Yes, that's the best part actually!
Jeff: Now we live in a cylinder that rolls.

How is life on the tour bus?
Jeff: Interesting. There are a lot of people on the tour bus but it's fun.
Pierre: We call it, "The Cylinder".

What are some of the perks of being in a band?
Sebastien: Probably being able to travel with your best friends all the time. That's gotta be one of the best things. And playing shows!

What's it like being around each other all the time?
Jeff: These guys are cool - but you know you're always in restricted areas, always together, and at some point you just wanna kill the guys! Especially David - sometimes he gets so annoying! But you know, it's cool.

Ok, now you guys are here today co- hosting with me, but why are we here at this bowling alley - what's going on?
Pierre: Why not - we love bowling!
David: Why not - YTV!
Pierre: Bowling is my life.
Jeff: We're bowling with some of our friends here.

Fan friends?
Pierre: We're playing a show tonight and we love our fans so much that we brought them to the most boring sport in the world.
Jeff: We think it's good.

I think that's really cool and I know you guys always take time to sign autographs for fans, why is that important to you?
Pierre: Because a band without the fans is nothing. The only reason why we're able to do this and why we are able to tour and why we are able to be musicians is because the fans are there to listen to our music and buy our record and come to our show.
Sebastien: It's our way of giving back!
Pierre: We owe them more than they will ever know.

Now we love your debut CD, it's killer, but when can we expect a new Simple Plan CD?
David: I don't know if I'm supposed to say it, but probably somewhere around June or July.

Well guys, we can hardly wait for it!

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GAMEON

BY MARK MAGEE

THE HOBBIT

PLATFORM: GAMECUBE, GAMEBOY ADVANCE, PC, PS2, XBOX

THE SKETCH: True fans of The Lord of the Rings know that Frodo's story really began in a book called The Hobbit. In that book, Frodo's uncle, a timid fellow known as Bilbo Baggins, got sent on a quest by the wizard Gandalf, who decided the hobbit needed some adventure in his life. In this game, you must help Bilbo travel through the wilds of Mirkwood Forest to the Lonely Mountain, where he will meet - and steal from - the vicious dragon Smaug. Of course, there are plenty of goblins and trolls who want to stop Bilbo along the way, so you'd better sharpen up your sword!

VERDICT: It's like Legend of Zelda meets Lord of the Rings. Could anything be sweeter?

NFA RATING: B+

NHL 2004

PLATFORM: GAMECUBE, PC, PS2, XBOX

THE SKETCH: As we all know, Canadians love hockey. But sometimes the NHL just doesn't deliver enough games! So that's when you need to fire up the videogame system and hit the ice yourself. And because it's an all-new season, EA Sports has served up another round of their best-selling hockey game. New features include a hard-hitting "Bruise Control" technique that lets you charge up powerful hits to take out the competition, as well as an all-new fighting system for those times when you need to drop the gloves and dish out the pain. There's also a great "Dynasty Mode" that lets you manage your own hockey franchise for up to 20 seasons, which is about how long you'll need to help the Leafs finally win the Cup!

VERDICT: Basically, it's the same NHL action you've known and loved for years, but with a few new tweaks.

NFA RATING: A-

JAK II

PLATFORM: PS2

THE SKETCH: In this sequel to Jak & Dakter, the mismatched duo return for yet another crazy quest. This time, the two find themselves teleported to a huge city that is ruled by the evil Baron Praxis. After being captured and experimented on by the Baron, Jak breaks out of prison, only to find that the Baron's experiments have given him strange new powers. So now the two pals must head out into the city in order to figure out where they are and how they can get revenge on the Baron. Unlike the original, this sequel has a really interesting story that drives the game. It's also about three times as big as the first game, which means three times as much excitement!

VERDICT: Take one great game, add a twisty plot and a whole bunch of new moves, and you've got one great sequel.

NFA RATING: A

THE LORD OF THE RINGS: THE RETURN OF THE KING

PLATFORM: GAMECUBE, GAMEBOY ADVANCE, PC, PS2, XBOX

THE SKETCH: So you think you've got what it takes to survive in Middle-Earth? Well, here's your chance to live out the final chapter of the epic Lord of the Rings trilogy in this action-packed game that puts you right in the middle of the War of the Ring. That means you'll have to make your way through the Paths of the Dead, help defend Minas Tirith from Sauron and his fearsome army, and even sneak into Mordor itself! Of course, all that is too big a job for just one hobbit, so you'll have to take on the roles of Gandalf, Aragorn, Legolas, Gimli, Sam and Frodo if you want to succeed. You can even try your hand at playing everyone's favourite creepy ring-stealer, the wily Gollum.

VERDICT: Tons of swords-and-sorcery action, a handful of stealthy missions and more orcs than you can shake an axe at! A great game from a great movie!

NFA RATING: A+

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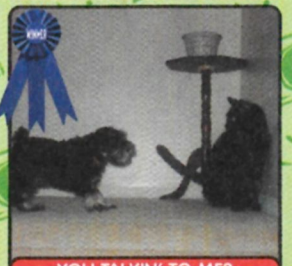

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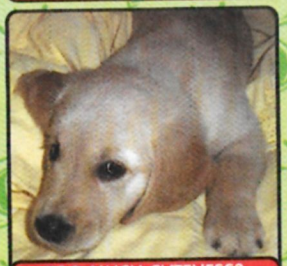

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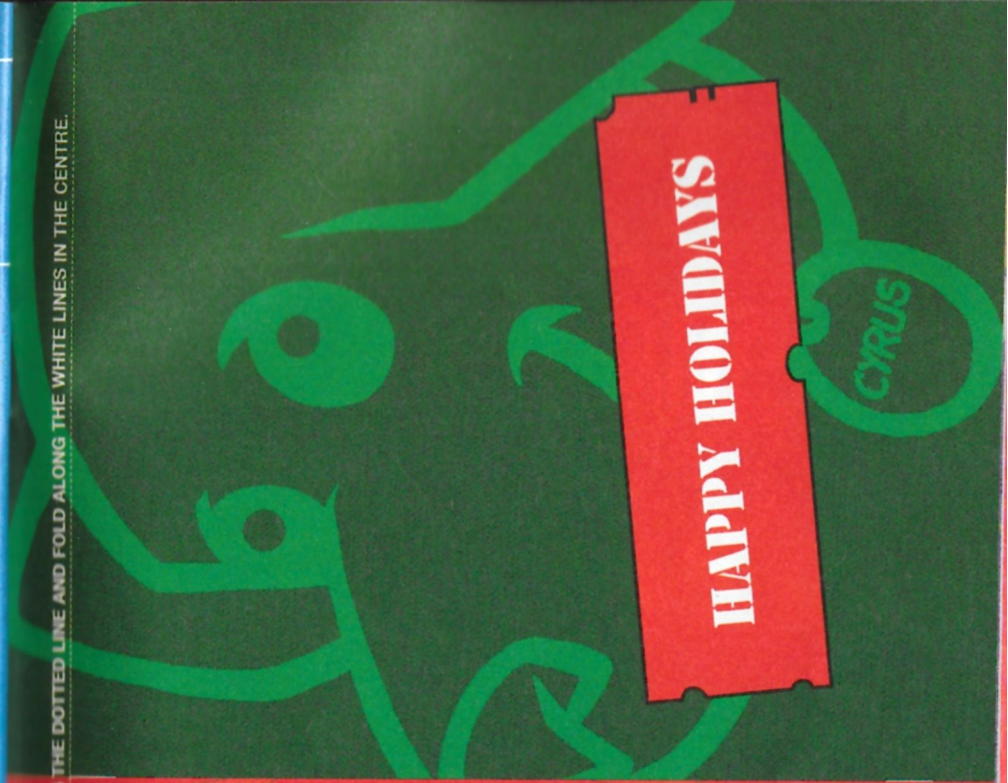

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(DEC.22 - JAN.19)

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AQUARIUS
(JAN.20 - FEB.18)

EBENEZER SCROOGE: Go, and redeem some other promising young creature, but leave me to keep Christmas in my own way. SCROOGE, 1951

PISCES
(FEB.19 - MARCH 20)

BETHANY: Is your house on fire, Clark? Clark Griswold: No, Aunt Bethany, those are the Christmas lights. CHRISTMAS VACATION, 1998

ARIES
(MARCH 21 - APRIL 19)

RALPHIE: Aunt Clara had for years not only perpetually labored under the delusion that I was 4 years old, but also a girl. A CHRISTMAS STORY, 1983

TAURUS
(APRIL 20 - MAY 20)

SALLY: Dear Santa Claus, How have you been? Did you have a nice summer? How is your wife? I have been extra good this year, so I have a long list of presents that I want. Please note the size and color of each item, and sendas many as possible. If it seems too complicated, make it easy on yourself: just send money. How about tens and twenties? A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS, 1965 (TV)

GEMINI
(MAY 21 - JUNE 20)

RUDOLPH: Let's be independent together. RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER

CANCER
(JUNE 21 - JULY 22)

SANTA CLAUS: Don't cry, Karen. Frosty's not gone for good. You see, he was made out of Christmas snow and Christmas snow can never disappear completely. It sometimes goes away for almost a year at a time and takes the form of spring and summer rain. But you can bet your boots that when a good, jolly December wind kisses it, it will turn into Christmas snow all over again. FROSTY THE SNOWMAN, 1969 (TV)

LEO
(JULY 23 - AUG.22)

FOZZIE BEAR: An, Christmas. The time for Santa Claus and his eight flying reindeer. A MUPPET FAMILY CHRISTMAS, 1987

VIRGO
(AUG.23 - SEPT.22)

CHARLES HALLORAN: All right, you go back and tell them that the New York State Supreme Court rules there's no Santa Claus. It's all over the papers. The kids read it and they don't hang up their stockings. Now what happens to all the toys that are supposed to be in those stockings? MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET, 1947

LIBRA
(SEPT.23 - OCT22)

SANTA CLAUS: [to the elves] I'm going to tell you one more time. Sing anything you want. White Christmas, Frosty the Snowman, Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer. But no more Jingle Bells! THE NIGHT THEY SAVED CHRISTMAS, 1984 (TV)

SCORPIO
(OCT.23 - NOV.21)

NARRATOR: Away up in the heavens, far out in space, in a beautiful gold and crystal palace right above the North Pole, lives a kind and jolly old gentleman. Santa Claus. SANTA CLAUS, 1959)

SAGITTARIUS
(NOV.22 - DEC. 21)

S.D. KLUGER: Behave yourselves, because Santa can still look into his magic snowball and see just what you're up to. And now that you know all about him, you can be darn sure that come snow or high water, Santa Claus is comin' to town! SANTA CLAUS IS COMIN' TO TOWN, 1970 (TV)

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20 SAT. HAPPY HANUKKAH!
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22 MON. WINTER SOLSTICE BEGINS
23 TUES. TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE (IN AUSTRALIA)
24 WED. ONE MORE SLEEP 'TILL SANTA!
25 THURS. MERRY CHRISTMAS!
26 FRI. BOXING DAY. TURKEY SANDWICH TIME!
27 SAT. EVEN MORE TURKEY SANDWICHES
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THE BIG BOREAL CONTEST!

The boreal forest is a diverse region that rings the globe just beneath the Arctic Circle. It is home to many wetlands that are important habitat for hundreds of species, including millions of migratory waterfowl. These wetlands also help to filter our water, keeping it clean and healthy. Canada's boreal forest is one of the last remaining great forests on Earth, and we need to keep it safe to keep our planet healthy!

Ducks Unlimited Canada (DUC) and other organizations are working in Canada's boreal forest to find out more about it and how we can conserve it. Start by learning about Canada's boreal forest and entering the Big Boreal Contest!

Below, match the numbers of the questions with the letters of the correct answers, and email your answers along with your age and address to Dr. Rick at r_wishart@ducks.ca. The first 20 correct entries will receive a copy of "Cool Woods", an exciting new book that tells the tale of the boreal forest around the world! Each copy is a collector's item, autographed by the authors and artist!

1. Scientists believe the boreal forest acts as a _____ that absorbs carbon dioxide from the air.

2. The boreal forest is an important habitat for millions of _____ that use the boreal forest for breeding, molting and staging during their life cycle.

3. _____ are valuable peat-forming wetlands of the boreal forest that support bug eating plants like the Sundew and Pitcher Plant.

4. The boreal forest includes many _____, which are important for waterfowl and for our clean drinking water.

5. One form of life that can be found growing on trees and rocks in the boreal forest is _____, a favourite food for reindeer and caribou!

6. Canada is home to three "eco-zones" of the boreal forest - the boreal plain, boreal cordillera and boreal _____.

7. Unfortunately, parts of Canada's boreal forest are being deforested at rates exceeding the deforestation of the _____.

ANSWERS

A. Wetlands
B. Amazon Rain Forest
C. Lichen
D. Shield
E. Sink
F. Bogs
G. Waterfowl

Email your answers to Dr. Rick no later than January 15, 2004 for your chance to win a copy of "Cool Woods". If you would like more information on the boreal forest, check out "Ask the Biologist" online at www.ducks.ca/edu/askbio.html

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